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The Attorney General

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April 25, 1961

~~NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 43~~

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Training of Cuban Nationals

In approving the Record of Actions of the April 22, 1961, meeting of the National Security Council, the President directed that the question of possible forms of large-scale open enlistment of Cuban nationals should be studied by the Departments of State and Defense (NSC Action 2406 d).

Accordingly, it is requested that the above agencies undertake this study as soon as possible and present their recommendations to the President through this office.

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cc: The Attorney General

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April 25, 1961

~~NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 45~~

TO: The Attorney General
The Director, Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Coverage of Castro Activities in the United States

In approving the Record of Actions of the April 22, 1961, meeting of the National Security Council, the President noted that the Department of Justice and the Central Intelligence Agency would examine the possibility of stepping up coverage of Castro activities in the United States (NSC Action 2406 i).

Accordingly, it is recommended that the above agencies undertake this study as soon as possible and present through this office any recommendations requiring the President's approval.

/s/


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Just what will be done about Cuba is still in the question stage. There are those who seek a naval blockade of Cuba; some want to prevent all world trade with Cuba; still others believe the United States must sooner or later take military action against the Castro regime which, in turn, may bring conflict with Red Russia. Most expect the Organization of American States will be requested to handle the Castro problem, but a few believe the Latin American countries making up OAS can or will do the job. One hard fact has developed: The Castro regime has now established a strong Communist beachhead in the Western Hemisphere as a dangerous threat to the security and future of the United States and all other American countries.

Cuba's Castro celebrated May Day by announcing to the world that Cuba is now a "Socialist State," that no elections will be held, and that Cuba shall now be considered as a "People's Republic," similar in type to the Communist countries behind the Iron Curtain.

While the world situation continues tense, and it is almost impossible to predict what may happen next, as this column was being prepared there was every indication the United States will not send American troops into Laos, but instead the United Nations will be requested to take up consideration of the situation in that revolution torn little southeast Asia country where a temporary cease fire order was issued late last week. The reason: Many of the SEATO nations, as well as other of our allies, have refused to join the United States in any military action in Laos, and this country is not expected to go it alone.

While leaders of all parties are rallying to the support of President Kennedy in the world crises which developed as a result of the attempted invasion of Cuba--in which this Government aided--and the unhappy developments in Laos, it is realized by all the prestige of both the United States and the President has suffered greatly throughout the world.

Whispers have it the well-known radio commentator, Edward R. Murrow, may soon resign as the new head of the United States Information Agency to return to private life. Mr. Murrow is reported to be unhappy over being ignored, and not invited to participate, in top level conferences where decisions were reached which his Agency must now endeavor to explain to the world.

Former President, and now General of the Armies, Dwight D. Eisenhower, will not make his contemplated visit to Japan this year. The reason: The State Department has advised him the world situation is such it does not consider his Japanese visit as being "propitious."

Secretary of Interior, Stewart Udall, a former radical stormy petrel in the House of Representatives, continues to embarrass the Kennedy Administration. In the fight over the passage of the House Rules Committee, Udall tried to influence the votes of Members by discussing them reclamation and similar projects in their States and Districts, pending before his committee, in a suggestive way. When the Administration-supported invasion of Cuba by Cuban forces failed, he attempted to blame President Eisenhower therefor, only to be rebuked by President Kennedy. Last week it was disclosed Secretary Udall had a lobbyist friend soliciting oil and gas concerns, over which he has life and death controls, to buy \$100 tickets to a Democratic fund-raising dinner. Secretary Udall may not remain in the Kennedy Cabinet for long.

President Kennedy has announced a new code of ethics for all Administration officials, and has also requested Congress to make changes in the present Federal laws governing "conflict of interest" situations. Evidently Secretary Udall never heard of the President's action.

On Wednesday of last week both the House and Senate adopted the Conference Report on the Minimum Wage Bill to increase minimum wages to \$1.15 per hour in four months, and to \$1.25 per hour two years later. The measure almost exactly follows the requests of President Kennedy. It treats all businesses, having a total volume of \$1 million or more, annually, as being in Interstate Commerce, and therefore subject to the minimum wage law. Employees of hotels, motels, restaurants, laundries, dry cleaners, automobile and farm implement dealers, motion picture theaters, and certain farm operations will be exempt from minimum wage requirements. While it is claimed nearly 4 million additional workers will be covered under the new law, it is estimated only 700,000 will actually receive wage increases, as their pay is already above the minimum rates. However, certain labor unions may use the new law in an effort to get similar percentage-wise increases for their own members.

The House passed and sent to the Senate last week a bill to increase from \$50 million to \$100 million annually, over a ten year period, the Federal Government's contributions to local communities for sewage disposal plants and other anti-water pollution efforts. The new expenditures will be outside the budget, and the added funds must be borrowed. Under the present law Government anti-pollution contributions have been running about \$40 million a year.

Without a record vote the House last Thursday approved a bill to furnish \$900 million a year in new taxes to finance completion of the Federal highway system by 1972. Included was a provision making a temporary 1¢ per gallon Federal gasoline tax permanent, although the official pledge was made last year this tax would be permitted to expire June 3rd.

And in the days which have followed the crushing of the Algerian revolt, there is growing respect throughout the world for the courage, the patriotism, and the abilities of President De Gaulle of France. As a result the position of France in international affairs is greatly strengthened, and there is growing belief De Gaulle may soon completely solve the Algerian problem.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-201)

MAY 4 1961

SAC, MIAMI (109-35)

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA
AND CUBA

**Distribution of Pre-CASTRO Leaflets
in Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of a letter-
head memorandum, dated and captioned as above. Miami
taking no further action in this matter.

One copy of this memorandum is being forwarded
to the Washington Field Office for information purposes
in view of their interest in these matters.

Translation from Spanish to English was made
by [REDACTED] Translator, Miami Office.

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Miami, Florida

MAY 4 1961

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS -
ARGENTINA AND CUBA
DISTRIBUTION OF PRO-CASTRO
LEAFLETS IN BUENOS AIRES,
ARGENTINA

An envelope bearing Miami postmark of April 14, 1961, was received at the Miami Office of the FBI on April 15, 1961. Contained therein was a printed circular submitted by an individual who identified himself as a "Citizen," revealing that this person had acquired the circular in Buenos Aires on April 8, 1961. The printed matter contained thereon is translated from the Spanish to the English as follows:

"THE PEOPLE WITH CUBA!
"THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE YANKEES!"

"The government prohibited the meeting which was supposed to be held today, Saturday, the 8th, in the 'Augusteo' in order to show our solidarity with Cuba.

"The following were supposed to speak:

[REDACTED] and
others.

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"The 'exiled' agents of imperialism have radios, TV's, dailies, etc. for the purpose of slandering and calling for an attack on Cuba.

"The democrats and anti-imperialists are not permitted to express their support and defense of the Cuban Revolution.

"For public freedoms!

"For the cessation of the state of siege and the Comintes Plan!

"Long live the Cuban Revolution!

"Cuba, yes; Yankees, no!

**"NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY
"WITH THE CUBAN REVOLUTION**

"Support the campaign for the purchase of a PLANE FOR CUBA.

"ENROLL AS A VOLUNTEER TO DEFEND CUBA."

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : A. H. Belmont *at*

DATE: 5/4/61 ✓

FROM :

SUBJECT:

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 "CUBAN RELATIONS"
 A TREATISE BY [REDACTED]
 SAC CONTACT
 CINCINNATI

1 - Mr. Parsons
 1 - Mr. Mohr
 1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - [REDACTED]
 1 - [REDACTED]

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SAC, Cincinnati forwarded manuscript prepared by [REDACTED] SAC contact who has been valuable friend of Bureau, which traces relations between Cuba and United States from time of Thomas Jefferson through Eisenhower administration. Review of manuscript, which possibly will be published by [REDACTED] shows it is scholarly study possibly of historical significance, but of no current intelligence interest to the Bureau. Manuscript being returned to [REDACTED] through SAC, Cincinnati.

Bureau has no interest in the manuscript from intelligence viewpoint and historical developments, while possibly significant in evaluating past Cuban attitude toward United States, are not pertinent to present Cuban crisis. Manuscript is being returned to SAC, Cincinnati so it can be given back to [REDACTED]

ACTION:

Attached is letter to SAC, Cincinnati returning the manuscript.

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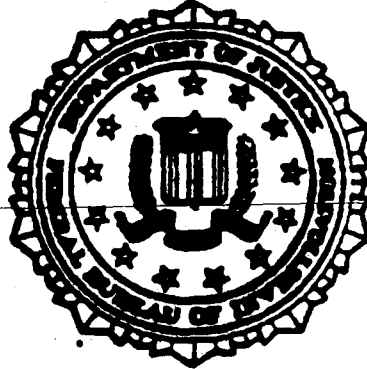
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Reurlet 4/25/61 enclosing manuscript prepared by
Shaden,

[REDACTED]
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 25, 196

FROM : SAC, Cincinnati (80-507)

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SUBJECT: CUBAN RELATIONS
A TREATISE BY [REDACTED]
SAC CONTACT
CINCINNATI

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[REDACTED] is an approved SAC contact, personally known to Assistant Director C. D. DeLOACH and Inspector [REDACTED]. The contact relations are contained in Bufile 94-51852.

In view of the timely interest relating to CUBAN RELATIONS, [REDACTED] has made available for Bureau perusal a documented summary of background history and U. S. relations with Cuba from the time of THOMAS JEFFERSON through the EISENHOWER Administration. He is making it available in the belief that it might be helpful to the Bureau.

It is entirely possible that the University of Oklahoma press may later publish this study.

If this document will be helpful to the Domestic Intelligence Division in connection with non-Soviet bloc intelligence matters, Bureau should retain document. If no useful to Bureau, kindly return to SAC, Cincinnati, marked "Personal Attention".

If Bureau does retain document, it is suggested that letter of appreciation be dispatched to [REDACTED].

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EX 104

Honorable Richard E. Berlin
President
The Hearst Corporation
Room 435
959 Eighth Avenue
New York 19, New York

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ON 7/8/04

Dear Dick:

As a follow-up to my letter of May 4, and in response to your request, I am pleased to enclose a copy of the information furnished by [REDACTED]. You were very kind to make him available so that we could obtain his statement directly.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,
EDGAR

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Enclosure

- 1 - Miami (105-3902)
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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont

NOTE: Berlin is on the Special Correspondents' List. This is a result of the interview with [REDACTED] whom Richard Berlin of The Hearst Corporation referred to FBI to tell his story of Cuban invasion. Berlin said he would like to see copy of report of interview and Bureau reply 5-4-61 said we would be in touch after [REDACTED] interview. [REDACTED] says nothing particularly new or startling and it is believed satisfactory for

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Honorable Richard E. Berlin

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Crime Records Division to send Berlin results of interview since Berlin
could get data from [REDACTED] anyway. Nothing new of particular interest
to Attorney General. We will advise CIA, concealing identity of [REDACTED]

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Domestic Intelligence Division

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This is result of interview with [REDACTED] whom Richard Berlin of The Hearst Corporation referred to FBI to tell his story of Cuban invasion. Berlin said he would like to see copy of report of interview and Bureau reply 5-4-61 said we would be in touch after [REDACTED] interview. [REDACTED] says nothing particularly new or startling and it believed satisfactory for Crime Records Division to send Berlin results of interview since Berlin could get data from [REDACTED] anyway. Nothing new of particular interest to Attorney General. We will advise CIA, concealing identity of [REDACTED]
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ReBulet 5/4/61 to Mr. RICHARD E. BERLIN, President
of the Hearst Corporation.Transmitted herewith are 5 copies of a blind
memorandum, which the Bureau might wish to consider
disseminating to Mr. BERLIN.Source is [REDACTED] who contacted the
Miami Office on April 28, 1961. Some of his information
regarding reasons for failure of the Cuban invasion has
already been furnished the Bureau, but not in its entirety,
as it was not known that there was any special interest
in his description of the CLIP operation.* Certainly, faulty reasoning!
It is noted in a separate letter to the Bureau,
captioned as above, dated May 5, 1961, the CIA also
attributes the failure of the invasion to lack of fighter
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Re: CUBAN SITUATION

A well known former Cuban businessman who was on one of the boats in the anti-CASTRO invasion which participated directly in the action in the Bahia de los Cochinos, furnished the following data on April 28, 1961:

Training Program

The training provided by instructors was good, generally, and each trainee was made proficient in the use of several different types of weapons, which he felt would be very useful in guerrilla warfare.

The source also felt that good material and implements of war were provided. He did feel that the boats were inadequate, and was surprised at the hurried, haphazard loading, which put many materials, including explosives, on one boat, topped off with drums of high octane gasoline.

Invasion Plan

He saw a plan for the invasion of Cuba. D-1 was for the knocking out of all CASTRO airfields, which were listed as thirteen in number. He stated he thereafter talked with [REDACTED], and asked him if the thirteen objectives had been knocked out. [REDACTED] said he knew nothing concerning thirteen objectives; that a slight attack had been made on San Antonio de los Baños Airfield, some bombing damage at Camp Libertad Airfield, and further slight bombing had been effected at Santiago de Cuba and the Base at San Julian.

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Lack of Military Leadership

Source stated that no one seemed to know just who was in charge, and while he was no military man, he felt there should have been someone designated as the military chief of the operation in order to better coordinate all phases of the operation. He stated it was especially necessary to have someone in command or in a position of absolute authority where Cubans are involved.

The expedition consisted of four cargo-transports, two gunboats, three large landing craft, exact military name unknown to him, and four small landing craft. The group was escorted by three destroyers. The ships left their bases separately and made rendezvous at a point just to the southeast of Cayo Guano, designated by the code name of "Zulu."

Source felt that even though the convoy passed Cayo Guano at night with lights out, there is a lighthouse and weather station with radio there, and one of the ships claimed to have heard this station advise Havana of their passing. Source stated aircraft should have knocked out that radio the day before.

There was a lot of delay in getting the small boats into the water upon arrival at point of invasion. The boats were too small and underpowered to get all the men and munitions quickly on land. About 450 men, or 60% from the largest boat, had landed with such weapons and ammunition as they could carry with them, when CASTRO's fighter craft appeared.

Source stated he could not distinguish makes of fighter planes, but was told that these aircraft were jet fighters and were United States made, armed T-33 trainers. Almost as fast, and very effective, were three Sea Furies.

These CASTRO fighter planes inflicted heavy fire on everything in the area and almost immediately sank the biggest ship, with hospital supplies and aviation gasoline;

they also sank the largest ammunition and weapons carrier. They knocked out three small landing craft and disabled some of the other boats. Casualties were heavy on both sides. The boat which source was on had the good fortune to shoot down one of the Sea Fury planes which had just sunk the boat beside it. This plane was shot down with the four .50 caliber machine guns on his boat.

Source stated what was left of the boats withdrew during the evening. He received a message from one of the destroyers that they should return to the beach, as the promised air cover and naval support would now be furnished. The boats did return, but were again attacked and forced to withdraw by CASTRO fighter planes.

Other Operational Defects

He stated the anti-CASTRO frogmen did not efficiently and silently eliminate the men in a jeep who arrived when landing was first begun, but otherwise, the anti-CASTRO fighters fought very valiantly, and killed thousands of CASTRO's militia. He concluded that he had no doubt that fighter cover protection to shoot down CASTRO's fighter planes would have made the entire operation successful. He felt if the unloading had been successfully completed, the invasive forces would have marched into Havana, as the B-26's flown by anti-CASTRO forces would have knocked out Russian tanks, artillery, and truckloads of militia, before they ever reached the battle area. He noted that the militia fell back when the B-26's were able to attack, but in the face of the fighters, the B-26's were helpless, as they had no tail-guns. Source attached some suspicion to this lack of tail-guns. He noted, however, that the tail-gun assembly weighs about 2,000 pounds, and weight was definitely a factor to be considered, as the planes had to fly, heavily loaded, for three hours to reach the target area.

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Profile of Dean Rusk

The Rockefeller-Soviet Axis made for themselves a proverbial tenstrike when the House of Rockefeller appointed as "Kennedy's" Secretary of State an ardent worker in the Vineyard Communism known as Dean Rusk. Something the press is keeping amazingly silent on is the fact that Rusk was one of that coterie of traitors who went to the Far East during the Truman Administration and sold down the River the only Allies we had in the Japanese Zone during World War II, and the only potent Allies we had anywhere.

This coterie of Communist Saboteurs was headed up by Gen. George C. Marshall and Henry (the Guru) Wallace. They were the front men who didn't know where first base was. The "umpires" and "managers" who went along to guide them in the paths of practical Communism were proven Communist agents Owen Lattimore and Joseph Vincent, and a Communist propagandist "in training" named Dean Rusk.

Freda Utley, in her book "The China Story" (published by Regnery of Chicago), told the story of Rusk's "work" to cut America's throat, to discredit General MacArthur and to give the little man in the White House what he thought was an "excuse" to stop the greatest American general from annihilating the North China Reds before they could kill another 25,000 American boys.

Morris A. Bealle's RED RAT RACE (\$3.50; Columbia Publishing Co., 919 18th St. NW, Washington 6, D. C.), in a chapter headed "China Sellout" told the complete sordid story of the most amazing and colossal piece of international treachery in the world's history.

With fiendish cold-bloodedness, Rusk said in a speech Nov. 15, 1950:

"If the Chinese Reds would limit their demands, we would be happy to forget how many American soldiers they had killed, and give them all the assurances they needed that the United States had no intention whatsoever of contesting Communist rule over China."

Miss Utley continued, and if these facts weren't provable she and the Regnery book house could have been put out of business long ago with both civil and criminal libel actions:

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PREDICTION: Dean Rusk has been named Secretary of State by Rockefeller Center for, among other things, the engineering of admission of Red China to the United Nations where they can help Khrushchev make this impotent body even more impotent.

MORE ABOUT DEAN RUSK—Nelson Rockefeller dictated the placement of his longtime employe and stooge (Dean Rusk) as chief of the State Department's Division of International Security Affairs when it was vacated in 1947 by one Joseph Esrey Johnson. Johnson was noted chiefly as Alger Hiss' chief assistant while the latter was stealing top secret documents from the State Department and sending them to Moscow's transmission belt in New York each night by Soviet courier Whitaker Chambers. In 1945 Johnson succeeded Hiss in this sensitive post and Rusk was appointed by the Rock Mob to succeed Johnson. Thus Rusk was trained in the Hiss school of espionage and anti-Americanism, just as his predecessor (Johnson) had been.

Rusk was a fellow member of Rockefeller's Council on Foreign Relations along with Hiss, Johnson, Remington, Eisenhower, Dewey, Kennedy, Fred Field, Phil Jessup, Averell Harriman and other Rockefeller stooges (Communist and non-Communists lying in the same political bed). He was also chairman of the fake philanthropist organization known as the Rockefeller Foundation, which the Senate Internal Security Committee found had financed the Communist agency "Institute of Pacific Relations." Rusk was also an active member of this Soviet transmission belt whose aims were described by the Senate Committee as "an effort to make the Pacific Ocean a vast Russian lake." Dean Rusk served the Rockefeller-Soviet Axis partners so well that he was rapidly promoted until, in 1950, he was risen to the post of Asst. Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

This "arrangement" was made in time for Rusk to serve to their highest satisfaction in Harry Truman's Korean "police action."

General MacArthur's refusal to take their orders to "throw" the Korean War to the Soviets, and his insistence on winning despite all of the treacherous blocks and handicaps that were placed in his way by this unholy Axis, endangered the amicable relations of those partners.

The specter of the United States winning in Korea threw a shadow over Rockefeller control of the Saudi Arabian oil fields, which Russia can "take" anytime she wants to in 24 hours or less.

"After Alger Hiss resigned from the State Dept. to become Director of the Carnegie Foundation, Dean Acheson recommended Dean Rusk to take Hiss' place as Director of Special Political Affairs.

"Rusk had previously served under Joseph E. Johnson who had been Hiss' assistant (when he was stealing atom bomb secrets and sending them to Moscow's N. Y. transmission belt each night).

"If Rusk were free of any Communist sympathies, he must be classed among the dupes of the Chinese Communists.

"Not even Mao Tse-tung or Stalin ever ventured to give such a clean bill of health to the Chinese Communists as Rusk.

"On June 14, 1950, Rusk told the World Affairs Council at the Univ. of Pennsylvania that 'the Chinese revolution is not Russian in essence' and 'does not aim at dictatorship.'

"He went further than almost any other State Dept. official in his desire to represent the Chinese Communists as 'good liberals who follow the American ideal.'

"For he said the revolution in China is comparable to the American Colonists 'revolt against the British.'

"Furthermore, Rusk in the Korean crisis appealed strongly in support of an appeasement policy.

"Dismissing as 'of no consequence' all the evidence that the Chinese Communist Party acts on Moscow's instructions Rusk said:

" 'We do not know whether Communist intervention in Korea is part of a pattern of worldwide aggressiveness and we do not know the real explanation.' "

Mr. Rusk doubtless isn't a card carrying Communist, but he definitely is what is known as a pro-Communist, regardless of any self-serving professions he may now make. As Secretary of State he can be worth more to the "cause" than a million card carrying Party members.

On orders from Rockefeller Center, Rusk drew up the order dismissing General MacArthur from his post as 2nd in command of the so-called United Nations force in Korea.

(It is a fact that, while MacArthur had the title of Field Commander, he was subordinate to a Soviet officer. This was arranged by Hiss and Nelson Rockefeller when the charter of the United Nations was drawn up in San Francisco, where it was agreed that the head of the UN staff committee must be a Soviet officer.)

Getting President Truman to sign the prepared order dismissing MacArthur was a ticklish matter. Truman did possess a streak of Americanism that hadn't been washed out by the international cabal.

It took all the persuasive powers of Rockefeller's Dean Acheson (then Secretary of State) and Rockefeller's George Catlett Marshall (whose Mission to Peiping sold out our only allies in the Pacific theater of war) to get Mr. Truman to sign the order.

And newsmen say the conspirators only accomplished their purpose in the small hours of morning when Harry the Haberdasher was "high" on, or off of, liquid solace.

For this treachery, which inflicted on the U. S. its only defeat in military history, Rusk was rewarded with one of the richest posts in the House of Rockefeller—U. S. Sec. of State.

In his new post he can do a lot to bring about "recognition" of Red China and its admission to the UN.

It will be interesting to see if the Senate has so completely abdicated its Constitutional function of holding a check on subversive Presidential appointments that it will confirm Rusk's appointment.

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HON. JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER

UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM MARYLAND

VIVA -- A FREE CUBA!

DEAN MANION: My friends, I have said it many times before and I must repeat it now: Our one hope to free the world from the advancing Communist conquest lies in the persisting determination of the millions of people now enslaved by Communism to restore their conquered homelands to freedom. This poses the plight of the anti-Communist political refugees on this side of the Iron Curtain who yearn to strike a blow for the freedom of their brothers on the other side.

For a discussion of this problem I am glad to turn this microphone over to an old friend of the Manion Forum, the distinguished Senior Senator from Maryland, the Honorable John Marshall Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER: Thank you, Dean Manion. In these days, when the world is torn apart by conflict and by tyrannies that impose their wills on entire nations, millions of people drift from country to country in search of a haven, a resting place, and, for many, a place to die in peace.

The tragic saga of the displaced person, and of the political refugee is familiar to all of us. The problem is one that imposes many an obligation on each and every one of us to help alleviate the distress of these unfortunate peoples.

It is with justifiable pride that we Americans hold up our Nation as the historic sanctuary of distressed peoples. For, we have traditionally welcomed victims of political persecution and tyranny.

Yet, let us not congratulate ourselves too much on our charity. By taking in these people we have enriched our culture; we have advanced the



HON. J. M. BUTLER

development of our arts and our sciences; we have built a stronger America. The skills and talents of these persecuted have strengthened us in the past, and they constitute a formidable ally in the battles of the cold war today.

I would like to set before you one particular problem that affects us this day--the plight of the Cuban exile who has fled the oppressive tyranny of Cuba's dictator, Fidel Castro. Before doing so I would like to remind you of how we have extended help in the past to political refugees and exiles.

As political and religious persecutions swept through Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries, many Englishmen, Germans, Poles, central Europeans came to our shores in search of freedom. The America we have today is a fortuitous blend of the most energetic and resourceful of the many nations which gave their sons to us. Our present strength and our national character is a direct result of this mixing of many peoples.

WE ARE INDEBTED TO EXILES

It was only natural that, in times of war, America should afford more of a haven than ever to distressed peoples. This was evidenced particularly during the Second World War where first the tyranny of Hitler and later the despotism of Stalin drove millions from their homelands, to seek a better life in a free society.

America gained greatly from these recent arrivals. We know of the aid that German, Hungarian and other scientists who fled from the Nazi menace gave to us in the development of the atomic and hydrogen bomb and in the creation of our missile program.

These are the weapons that are now helping to keep America free by deterring Soviet aggression. We owe these men a significant debt. In other areas of the sciences and in the arts the exiles and refugees have also contributed much to our culture. Nor can we neglect the skilled workmen who fled East Central Europe, nor the men and women who came from war-torn areas, for all these have added their bit to the American mosaic.

With the coming of World Wars I and II, the United States and Great Britain supported the governments-in-exile that the political refugees had established. In the First World War three of these governments were recognized and supported. During the Second World War the Allies recognized several more governments-in-exile and again assistance was provided these governments. France, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia--all found help in Great Britain or the United States.

These organizations of political refugees played a vital role in bringing about the Allied victory. First of all, they constituted symbols for the people of the captured nations, valuable reminders to those in the hands of the Nazi war machine that the Free World was interested in them and fighting to assure their freedom.

The exiled governments furthermore were able to supply agents for intelligence and sabotage work behind the enemy lines, and, in the case of the Free French Movement and of the Polish Government, large army detachments were formed from these escaped nationals.

The exiles do fulfill an important role in the security of the Free World. It is up to us to help them and to use their talents and to give assistance to their aspirations.

Let us now turn to a small island 90 miles from our very coast. Here the concern of all Americans must be focused for it is on this island of Cuba that Fidel Castro, the Premier of this land, has established a beachhead of international Communism.

He has subjected the United States to endless

abuse. He has expropriated \$1 billion of our property without compensation. He has attempted to destroy the historic friendship that the American people held with the Cuban people. And he has woven bonds between Moscow, Peking and Havana. It is from Cuba that Communism is spreading throughout this hemisphere. His threat is a formidable challenge to us.

AMERICAN WRITERS AID CASTRO

And curiously enough, Castro's Cuba is also a threat which is not recognized by many in this country. Books, editorials, radio broadcasts, all have defended the revolution in Cuba as Marxist but not Communist! As though there were any difference. As though Castro has not followed the Soviet line in every action, in every speech, in every denunciation of the United States and of the West. The naivete of these American apologists is incredible. Indeed, it is more than unbelievable--it is almost treasonable.

It would be simple but fatal to characterize the present Cuban revolution as another of those periodic flare-ups in the Caribbean for, in June of last year, Premier Khrushchev and Mao Tse-Tung issued a joint communique from Peking stating that one of their strategic aims in the coming months was "to liberate Latin America" from American influence and bring it into the Red fold.

Cuba might be, in their minds, the perfect core for a group of Latin American nations free from American "imperialism." And the danger is not entirely political. Santa Clara Province in Cuba would be an excellent location for missile launching pads since it is 425 miles from Cape Canaveral, 800 miles from New Orleans and less than 1,000 miles from the Panama Canal.

It could very well be that one of the next crises for the United States will not come from Formosa, or Berlin or Laos, but from Cuba, a country which has been likened to a watermelon, "green outside and red within."

In a recent paid advertisement in the New York Times, the former Minister of Finance of Cuba (prior to Castro and Batista) had this to say about Cuba, Castro and Communism:

"Mr. Castro, in the name of Communism, has led my people into poverty, disease, slavery and the loss of that gaiety and happiness that have always marked the character of the Cuban

people. Castro could very easily have given his country freedom and justice and the opportunity for the pursuit of happiness. He could have offered his people a better education in a free society; and he could even have doubled the national income in a few short years.

"Instead of this, he has destroyed our national wealth and practically everything of material and spiritual value in my country. Mr. Castro and his henchmen, in their thirst for power and wealth, are attempting to permeate the hearts of my people with hate and fear as Lenin, Stalin and Beria did to their people.

"Tyranny, accompanied by the most vile murder and torture, is attempting to break the spirit of Cuba. God willing, some day we shall once more see the light of liberty and justice shining over our beautiful countryside, and the traitors who have heaped suffering upon our people will have fled in cowardice whence they came.

"Let all good men come to the assistance of their neighbors, the Cuban people, in this their hour of need, so that tyranny may be banished from this continent never more to raise its ugly head."

So wrote Jose M. Bosch, who is a former Minister of Finance for Cuba before Batista or Castro

FIFTY THOUSAND FLEE CUBA

As I pointed out earlier, in times of oppression, refugees flock to America seeking a sanctuary. So it is with the Cuban people today. Since Castro's rise to power more than 50,000 Cubans have fled his country--by ship, by plane, even by open boat. Many crossed the 90 mile strip of sea with only the shirts on their backs and a yearning for liberty.

Among those exiles are many who supported the revolution lead by Castro against Batista. There are also many who joined Castro's government at the beginning. But, as the months rolled by, they awoke to the fact that Castro was pushing Cuba into the Communist camp and was establishing a totalitarianism worse even than the dictatorship of Batista.

It must be a bitter pill for Castro to swallow to see that, just as he himself sought refuge in the 1950's in the United States from the oppressive Batista dictatorship, so now do thousands of Cubans seek refuge here from his oppression.

Many of these thousands of Cuban refugees have a difficult time in settling down here and finding employment sufficient to keep body and soul together until that great moment when they can return to a free Cuba. Skilled surgeons who had their own clinics in Cuba now scrub the floors of a Florida hospital. Eminent Cuban jurists serve as waiters in restaurants here in the United States. They are all glad of the opportunity to earn a livelihood in the land of the free but their skills are being woefully wasted.

ENCOURAGE CUBANS TO STRIKE FOR FREEDOM

It is true that 50,000 exiles is a large number. President Kennedy has allocated \$4 million to help the Cuban exiles. But money alone cannot solve our responsibilities nor erase our obligations to these courageous people. All of us must reach out a friendly hand to these, our latest visitors; we must help them establish themselves in their time of troubles; we must nourish their aspirations to return to a free Cuba.

It must be further agony for Castro to see the strides that these anti-Castro refugees are effecting in their attempts to unify into a Resistance Group capable of effectively combating him. We must encourage their desires. As the resistance to Castro grows so does the moment of freedom for Cuba.

When the groups resisting Castro have managed to capture and hold a significant part of Cuba and prove themselves able to offer a substantial challenge to his authority, then the United States will be empowered to grant legal recognition to the anti-Castro forces as the legal government of Cuba.

Until such time as we may be legally empowered to do so, we have an obligation to house, to feed, to school, and to employ these men and women who have come to our shores for sanctuary. These people are our hope for a free Cuba. Let us not let our good neighbors down in this hour of their tragic need.

DEAN MANION: Thank you, Senator John Marshall Butler, of Maryland. Let me repeat one thing that you have just said. These Cuban refugees are our hope for a free Cuba. And on my own I add that, if we cannot free Cuba from Communism, we cannot keep Communism from overrunning the world,

including these United States. Let's admit it, my friends: Laos, which we spent nearly a billion dollars to save, is definitely lost to our side. On the map of the world the blood red Communist tide continues to inch forward at the expense of freedom. Our foolish long-continued policy of containing the Communist conquest is leaking badly in a hundred places.

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Let us finally and frankly face it: We cannot contain Communism where it is now or where it will be tomorrow. But, we can wipe the red smear of Communism off the face of the earth with an enlightened offensive against it sparked by a policy of liberation, beginning with Cuba. Senator Butler is right. Let's help these anti-Communist refugees into a position to free their homeland of Marxist tyranny and--for the safety of our own skins--pray that God will speed the day of Cuba's liberation.

WHILE THIS GREAT SPEECH WAS BEING DELIVERED, CUBA'S FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE LOCKED IN STRUGGLE WITH THE MILITIA OF COMMUNIST DICTATOR FIDEL CASTRO. EVERY TRUE AMERICAN HOPES THE CAUSE OF THE TRUE PATRIOTS OF CUBA WILL PREVAIL.

TOO FEW AMERICANS REALIZE THE TERRIBLE PERIL TO THIS NATION AND THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE IN HAVING ONE OF MOSCOW'S STEPPING-STONES 90 MILES FROM OUR SHORES.

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Honorable Spruille Braden, January 1, 1961: "We should recognize a responsible Cuban government in exile and give it our full support, morally and materially, with arms and money."

Miguel Ydigoras Fuentes, President of Guatemala, February 26, 1961: "There is no doubt that the treacherous designs of the Communists go beyond the protection of their satellite in the Caribbean

(Cuba). It is urgent, therefore, to take prophylactic measures to prevent the spread of this terrible disease."

Dean Clarence Manion, March 12, 1961: "Either the Government of the United States acts now to dissolve the menace of Communism in Cuba, or we--the people of the United States--must prepare ourselves for the same kind of conquest by Communism that overtook Czechoslovakia and Eastern Europe."



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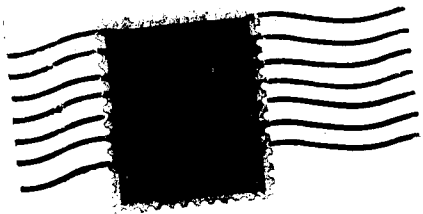
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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-3902)

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Remytel 4/29/61, captioned as above.

Enclosed are eleven copies of a letterhead memo concerning instant matter.

The source is [REDACTED] whose identity was protected at his request. b7C/p

[REDACTED] stated a representative of CIA, whose name he does not recall, had instructed him not to make any statements concerning his experience in the invasion. [REDACTED] stated, however, he felt this information is of value that he has, and thus offered it to agents of the Miami FBI Office.

He said another representative of the CIA, name unknown, is the one who informed him that there would be fighter coverage.

He said the pilot who had requested the Admiral of the carrier to lend assistance was an American, (FNU) [REDACTED] (PHONETIC). Data previously disseminated

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Miami, Florida

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On April 28, 1961, a source, a Cuban citizen, who because of his position maintains close contact with pilots who were engaged in the Cuban exile invasion of Cuba on April 17, 1961, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine his reliability, but who is in an excellent position to furnish reliable information, voluntarily furnished the following concerning [REDACTED]

He stated [REDACTED] was the pilot of a C-46 troop transport plane, which participated in the Cuban exile invasion of Cuba on April 17, 1961. He stated [REDACTED] was trained in a camp outside the United States, since August of 1960 for this assignment. He also stated that in the paratroop transport project on April 17, 1961, there participated five C-46 planes and two C-54 planes, which took off from Nicaragua and successfully landed 180 paratroopers on a highway leading to the Bahia de Cochinos, Cuba. He stated that in order to land his paratroopers, [REDACTED] made four passes at the landing point of the troops on the highway, each time landing ten, and that he completed his assignment without any difficulty, and that the ground aircraft fire was nil. He stated that some months prior to the referred to invasion of Cuba, [REDACTED] was advised appropriate fighter coverage would be given to the troop transport project, and that such coverage was necessary for low altitude bombing and transport activity.

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He further stated that within the first forty-eight hours after the landing on the beach in Cuba, [REDACTED] advised they were attacked by four T-33 jet planes and two Seafury propeller-driven fighters. The T-33 planes, which originally were trainer planes made available to Cuba by the U. S. Government, were armed with what [REDACTED] believed to be Czechoslovakian machine guns. The Seafury planes were also armed. He stated that the promised fighter coverage never did arrive on the scene of the battle. [REDACTED] advised he did see a large number of planes in the air, apparently based on a nearby U. S. carrier, but these did not participate.

It was further pointed out by [REDACTED] that on April 19, 1961, the situation at the beachhead on the Bahia de Cochinos was impossible, because of the constant aerial attack by T-33 and Seafury planes. A pilot, who was flying a B-26 bomber for the Cuban exile invasion forces, was heard to contact by radio the Admiral of the U. S. carrier nearby. The pilot, in stern language, expressed the gravity of the situation, and requested air coverage. According to [REDACTED] the Admiral, in his reply to the request, stated he did not take orders, except from his Government, could not give any assistance, and expressed his regret.

He stated that [REDACTED] advised that due to lack of air fighter coverage, the entire attempted invasion of Cuba by the Cuban exile forces ended in complete failure, and [REDACTED] feels that the U. S. prestige suffered a serious blow. He stated that [REDACTED] advised that unless the U. S. takes immediate action in Cuba, by means of armed intervention, Central American nations, i.e., Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Guatemala, can expect communist-inspired internal

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uprisings, and that such uprisings will be successful in overthrowing the present Governments of these nations, inasmuch as the performance of the U. S. in the Cuban matter indicates on the part of the U. S. a lack of intestinal fortitude to defy Communism.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/5/61

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-3902)

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INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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On May 4, 1961, SA's [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] met with [REDACTED]

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The following details are being furnished to the Bureau in order for interested Bureau officials to have the firsthand opinion of the reasons for the failure of the attempted invasion of Cuba by men who were directly associated with the effort at field level. They furnished this information in confidence, and it is, therefore, being furnished to the Bureau in letter form with no additional dissemination intended.

1. The invasionary effort was based on the planned use of fighter coverage, and CIA was promised fighter coverage. The order was not changed until the small invasionary convoy was within fifty minutes of the planned beachhead area. At that time the fighter coverage was cancelled from top level in Washington.

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2. Contrary to some reports, the Cuban anti-CASTRO troops fought valiantly and inflicted casualties on the CASTRO Cubans at the rate of six or eight to one, and this was despite the fact that they were harassed by strafing activity from the air by CASTRO fighter planes, and also despite the fact that the invading Cubans had been unable to unload the main part of their armament and ammunition.

3. The reaction of the CASTRO militiamen was not underestimated. The first 70 militiamen encountered in the immediate beach area immediately came over to the side of the anti-CASTRO Cubans. There were further very visible signs of panic in the CASTRO troops each time an anti-CASTRO B-26 made a bombing and strafing run over the columns of militiamen and tanks. However, the anti-CASTRO invaders were unable to mount and sustain an attack. If they had had fighter cover, the mass defections would have occurred as expected.

4. The anti-CASTRO airmen spotted 70 truckloads of militiamen, mobile artillery and Russian tanks when they were yet many miles from the beachhead, and with fighter coverage they would never have arrived at the battle area since instead of being shot down by CASTRO fighters, the B-26's could have bombed and strafed successfully these columns and materiel.

5. Of particular interest to the Bureau regarding any possible internal security leaks, the CIA agents advised that the beach area was deserted upon arrival, and there was no indication that CASTRO had advance notice of where the invasion was to strike.

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6. The change in plan originally made whereby the United States refused to furnish fighter cover occurred at about the level of ADLAI STEVENSON and CHESTER BOWLES. This change marked the difference in victory and defeat. To those responsible for making the President change the plan goes the responsibility for the death and capture of practically the entire pro-American, anti-CASTRO invading forces.

7. CIA agents concluded that they entertain no doubt that with proper fighter coverage the invasionary forces would now be in Havana, and the CASTRO forces would have been completely routed.

Several excellent contacts of the Bureau who were on the beachhead or on an invasive boat or in the anti-CASTRO air force have voluntarily sought contact with Special Agents of the FBI to give their firsthand appraisals of the reasons for the failure of the anti-CASTRO expedition.

There have been some minor criticisms of general planning, of failure of the frogmen to adequately mark the coral reefs at the entrance to the Bahia de los Cochinos, and of providing equipment inferior to that provided by the Russians and Czechoslovakians to the CASTRO troops; however, there has been uniform agreement that training procedures were good and unanimous agreement among all the anti-CASTRO forces who have returned that with only brief fighter cover by six or eight United States jets, the invasion would have been totally successful. For this failure, Cubans blame CIA for making

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deceitful promises, since they are not aware that the deviation from the plan to furnish fighter cover was made at top level. These Cubans state that they are more than anxious to return and fight again, but each survivor says he will only go if the invasion is planned by United States military men and United States fighter coverage previously knocks out all CASTRO Air Force planes. None of those interviewed want the United States to invade Cuba alone, and by far the most of them want to be divided into small bands and mixed with American forces to guide, interpret and fight with them as allies.

It is interesting to note that not one returned Cuban fighter has any confused opinion regarding the difference between the FBI and CIA; all are aware that the FBI did not participate in any phase of this operation. All of the returned Cubans believed the United States suffered an additional serious blow to its prestige, especially in Latin America, and in the entire free world to a lesser degree.

The CIA agents expressed appreciation for all the assistance and local cooperation given them by the Miami Office of the FBI, and expressed a desire to continue to operate on the same cooperative basis.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/8/61

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-31385)

SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES
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Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above at Newark. Information copies are being furnished to the New York Office.

Source mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted] contacted by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]. The material is located in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

No investigation should be conducted concerning the persons mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified confidential [redacted]

With respect to [redacted] informant said that he is personally acquainted with this individual and that he is violently anti-Communist. Informant indicated that it is his impression that this individual was involved in a strong anti-Communist demonstration some years ago in France and that his conduct in this matter precipitated his being ousted from France.

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TO DIRECTOR 10 109-12-210

FROM SAC NEW YORK 109-112 3P

INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS- CUBA., IS-CUBA. RETELL CALL INSPECTOR
D.E. MOORE, BUREAU. TO ASAC SCHMIT, NYO, INSTANT DATE.

A SUCCESSFUL AND WELL INFORMED AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN FROM
HAVANA, CUBA, ADVISED ON MAY TEN INSTANT THAT

HAS BEEN
A RESIDENT OF HAVANA, CUBA FOR THE PAST TWENTYTHREE YEARS AND LEFT
CUBA IN OCT. NINETEEN SIXTY. STATED THAT HE SPOKE ON MAY
FOUR LAST

WERE
PRESENT. STATED THAT HE SPOKE AT THIS MEETING FOR ABOUT THIRTY
MINUTES ON THE HISTORY OF CUBA AND PRESENT CONDITIONS IN CUBA.

ADVISED THAT AFTER HIS TALK HE SPOKE PRIVATELY WITH
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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT MANY CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE OCTOBER SIXTY WHEN HE LEFT CUBA BUT HE OFFERED A POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE CUBAN CRISIS BY STATING THAT THE US SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PUT INTO EFFECT A COMPLETE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY BLOCKADE OF CUBA.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE ESTIMATES THAT DAILY ABOUT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF BUSINESS IS TRANSACTED BETWEEN US COMPANIES AND

CUBA. [REDACTED] STATED THAT WITH A COMPLETE, IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF CUBA HE FEELS THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF CUBA COULD BE OVERTHROWN AND IN THE EVENT THIS IS NOT SUFFICIENT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT A TOTAL BLOCKADE OF ALL SHIPPING TO CUBA MUST BE PUT INTO EFFECT. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE REALIZES THAT WITH A

TOTAL BLOCKADE OF CUBA THERE WOULD BE MANY DIFFICULTIES ENTAILED FROM AN INTERNATIONAL ASPECT, BUT BELIEVES THAT THE US MUST EVENTUALLY TAKE THIS STEP IF A TOTAL US ECONOMIC BLOCKADE IS NOT EFFECTIVE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE DEFINITELY IS OPPOSED TO ANY DIRECT US INTERVENTION AT THIS TIME AND FEELS THAT DIRECT INTERVENTION WOULD DO MORE HARM TO US INTERESTS IN CUBA AND LATIN AMERICA.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP OF THE CUBAN EXILES HEADED BY EX-PREMIER DR. JOSE

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MIRO CARDONA, DR. ANTONIO DE VARONA OF THE FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO
DEMOCRATICO AND MANUEL RAY RIVERO, FORMER MINISTER OF
PUBLIC WORKS UNDER PRIME MINISTER CASTRO IS THE DESIRABLE
POLITICAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE OF CUBA. [REDACTED] STATED THAT

THERE ARE MANY HONEST CUBAN BUSINESSMEN PRESENTLY IN EXILE WHO
WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ADVISE AND ASSUME POLITICAL
LEADERSHIP IN CUBA. [REDACTED] STATED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH

THE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE HE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE
US IMMEDIATELY BLOCKADE TOBACCO SHIPMENTS INTO THE US BECAUSE
HE BELIEVES THAT THERE IS A BIG SHIPMENT OF TOBACCO AWAITING
DELIVERY TO US BUYERS AND THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT IS DESPERATELY
IN NEED OF AMERICAN DOLLARS. DURING CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DID NOT INDICATE THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO CONVEY HIS OPINIONS
TO SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK OR US AMBASSADOR TO THE UN
ADLAI STEVENSON AND THIS POINT WAS NOT PURSUED DURING THE INTERVIEW.

[REDACTED] OFFERED TO ASSIST THIS BUREAU IN ANY WAY HE COULD AND [REDACTED]
WAS ADVISED THAT THE BUREAU APPRECIATED HIS OFFER AND WOULD
RECONTACT HIM IN THE FUTURE IF THE OCCASION AROSE WHERE HIS
SERVICES COULD BE UTILIZED. THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEW OF

[REDACTED] WILL NOT BE FURNISHED IN A FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION, UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU UACB.

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CC-MR. BELMONT

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SAC, Miami

Director, FBI (109-12-210)

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To: Office of Security
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Subject: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

Re: 4/27/61 letter to [redacted] dated 6/24/61. Other Agency reference pgs. 4 pg. 1 & copy count
unclassified persons letter. AUC 60290 BCF/TCG/CLW 7/1/04

On May 12, 1961, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised as follows:

On May 8, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] Cubana de Aviacion, arrived in Mexico City to buy spare parts for Constellation airplanes. On May 10, 1961, together with [redacted] of Cubana de Aviacion's Mexico City office. [redacted]

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BY COURIER SVC.
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The foregoing will confirm information furnished orally to [redacted] Department of State, and [redacted] Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), by Special Agent [redacted] of this Bureau on May 13, 1961.

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1 - Director of Naval Intelligence

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Air Force

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- 1 - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army

Attention: Chief, Security Division

- 1 - Major General Robert A. Breitweiser, USAF
Director for Intelligence
The Joint Staff
Room 2E966
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

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URGENT 5-12-61

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT, MEXICO CITY NO. 531

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA, IS - CUBA. PSI

INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA

POTENTIAL SECURITY INFORMANT
B. ATLAS (90)

ADVISED TODAY THAT

[REDACTED] OF CUBANA DE AVIACION ARRIVED
MEXICO CITY MAY 8 LAST TOGETHER WITH [REDACTED][REDACTED] THEY CAME TO MEXICO SEEKING
TO BUY AIRPLANE SPARE PARTS FOR CONSTELLATION PLANES. PSI
RELATED THAT [REDACTED]

BEING MADE [REDACTED]

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PSI WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST.

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SAC, Philadelphia (105-6478)

5/18/61

Director, FBI (109-12-210) ^{REC-14} EX-110 3-23

**CUBAN SITUATION
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Reurairtel 5/10/61. Interview individual for his account of invasion story. Furnish results expeditiously to Bureau.

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NOTE: Philadelphia confidential source advised he was in touch with person who participated in recent invasion of Cuba. This person was evacuated from Cuba to Nicaragua and subsequently made his way to Philadelphia, where he has a brother who is a Catholic priest. This individual has been interviewed by representatives of another Government agency in Washington. Source did not want to provide the name of the individual over the telephone, and Philadelphia did not desire to pursue matter without Bureau authorization. Philadelphia asked Bureau advise whether it should interview this individual for his account of the invasion story.

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Date: 5/10/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (105-6478)

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On 5/9/61, CS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephonically advised that he is in touch with a person currently residing in Philadelphia who participated in the recent abortive attempt of FRD forces to invade Cuba. This person was evacuated from Cuba to Nicaragua from where he made his way to Miami and thence to Philadelphia where he has a brother, a Catholic priest. Since his arrival, he has been interviewed by representatives of some U. S. Government agency at Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] did not want to provide this person's name over the telephone and Philadelphia did not desire to pursue the matter in the absence of Bureau authorization.

[REDACTED] feels this person possesses considerable information that may be of interest to the FBI.

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not Philadelphia should interview this person for his account of the invasion story.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office MEXICO, D. F.	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/15/61	Investigative Period 5/12/61
TITLE OF CASE FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: mms
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA	

Synopsis:

On 5/8/61, [REDACTED] of Cubana de Aviacion, and [REDACTED] arrived in Mexico City for the purpose of buying spare airplane parts for Cubana's Constellation planes. On 5/10/61, [REDACTED] of Cubana in Mexico City. [REDACTED]

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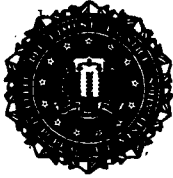
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington 25, D. C.
May 15, 1961

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On May 12, 1961, a confidential source advised
that [redacted]
[redacted] of Cubana de Aviacion, arrived in Mexico City on
May 8, 1961, together with [redacted]
[redacted] stated that they had come to
Mexico in an effort to obtain airplane spare parts for
Cubana's Constellation planes. These they were trying to
obtain through Aero Distribuidora, S. A., [redacted]
[redacted] The confidential source said that
[redacted] and [redacted] spoke with [redacted] as well as
with (First Name Unknown) [redacted] of Aero
Servicios, S. A. [redacted] was to go to the United
States in an effort to obtain spare airplane parts in that
country and ship them to Mexico.

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According to the confidential source, [redacted]
stated that the English Bristol Airplane Company has been
delaying the shipment of spare parts for the Bristol
Britannia planes operated by Cubana de Aviacion. It appears
that Cubana de Aviacion lacks cash and has difficulty in
obtaining credit. [redacted] is said to have stated that
their recent trip to Mexico was not successful.

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[redacted] stated that Cubana de Aviacion has two
Bristol Britannia planes which they could use in Havana-
Mexico service; however, one Bristol Britannia is always
kept in Cuba, and there is a belief that it is held avail-
able there in the event of the flight from Cuba by FIDEL
CASTRO.

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The confidential source said that [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] has said that he would like to defect but he is
unable to do so since his wife and children reside in
Havana.

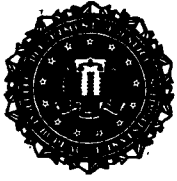
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington 25, D. C.
May 15, 1961

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Reference is made to the memorandum captioned as
above dated May 15, 1961.

The confidential source referred to in referenced
memorandum has furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (109-12-210)

DATE: 5/15/61

FROM : Legat, Mexico (109-70)

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA
IS - CUBA

DATE: 7/8/04

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ENCLOSURES

There are enclosed herewith five copies of the report of SA [REDACTED] at Mexico, D. F., dated 5/15/61, together with five copies of a letterhead memorandum evaluating the sources utilized.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/12/61, at Mexico, D. F.

SOURCES

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and same was concealed in report in order to protect his identity.

Identity of Source

File Where Located

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CLASSIFICATION

The enclosed report has been classified "confidential" in order to protect the security of a Bureau source in Mexico.

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MEXICO CITY - At Mexico, D. F.

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Will follow and report Cuban activities in Mexico.

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2 Mexico City (Encls. 10)

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 7/1/04

FROM : N. P. Callahan

All OGA references unclassified per letter 6/28/04. AUC 60290 BCE/TCG/CJJ. 7/1/04

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 6760 and 6785. Congressman Hiestand, (R) California, spoke concerning the Cuban situation and CIA's role in the invasion failure. Mr. Hiestand stated "There has been an apparent movement to shift the entire blame for the Cuba mess on the shoulders of the CIA. This is wrong for high administration officials must share some of the blame." He commented on the need to establish a committee to check on the CIA. To accomplish this he introduced H. Con. Res. 289, a resolution establishing a joint committee to conduct an investigation and study of the foreign intelligence activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Hiestand stated "Some bills in the past have put the FBI in the picture. I do not feel the FBI, which is doing a magnificent job, is of concern here. This resolution is concerned only with the CIA and its foreign intelligence operations." A copy of the resolution will be obtained for review.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for [redacted] was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-45672)

SUBJECT: CUBAN SITUATION
IS - CUBA

ReNYtel 5/9/61.

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau
are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning information
furnished by [REDACTED]Twelve copies of the enclosed memorandum have been
submitted to the Bureau for dissemination. [REDACTED][REDACTED] and
whether only 4 copies should be submitted to the Bureau for
dissemination or 11 copies, as required for dissemination to other
agencies.The Miami Office is requested to contact [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] as requested in referenced NY tel, 5/9/61.

- 4 - Bureau (109-12-210) (Encls. 12) (RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
May 12, 1961

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Re: Cuban Situation

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[REDACTED] on May 8, 1961, came to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and advised that he had recently returned from Miami, Florida, where he had covered the recent unsuccessful invasion of Cuba, which took place on April 17, 1961. [REDACTED] advised that he had contacted a cross section of the Cuban exiles in the Miami area in addition to sources of his own and he desired to furnish the opinions of Cuban exiles and his own personal opinions regarding the recent events which took place in Cuba on April 17, 1961. b7c/D

[REDACTED] advised that from the Cuban exiles in the Miami area he ascertained that as a result of the unsuccessful invasion of Cuba, which began on April 17, 1961, at the Bay of Cochinos, he came to the conclusion, as have many exiles, that this invasion, [REDACTED] b7c/D

[REDACTED] (S)

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Cuban Situation

[REDACTED] (S)
[REDACTED] stated that at a meeting held in Miami, during March, 1961, (First Name Unknown) [REDACTED] had informed those present at the meeting that Dr. Jose Miro Cardona was to be chosen as president of the Revolutionary Council. [REDACTED]

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SAC, New York (105-45672)

May 11, 1961

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Director, FBI (109-12-210) - 5

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CUBAN SITUATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

O&A information p. 3 unclassified per letter 6/28/04. AUC 60290 BcE/PC/LJW 7/1/04

Reurairtel 5-12-61 with enclosure, and
Bureau airtel to Miami 5-16-61.

Miami Office was telephonically instructed 5-9-61
not to contact [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as requested in your
5-9-61 tel. b7c/D

Continue to submit four copies of memoranda in
matters which contain information dealing with CIA
activities. Submit nine copies in all other matters in
accordance with established policy.

1 - Miami

NOTE: NY called attention that data in referenced communication
would normally be disseminated only to CIA since it deals with
CIA's connection with Cuban invasion. NY asked whether it should
continue to submit 4 copies for dissemination or 11 copies as it
has been doing in other copies. Normally, dissemination calls for
a submission of 9 copies of reports and memoranda. New York by
teletype 5-9-61 requested Miami to interview [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
concerning the data. On receipt of this teletype, Miami was
telephonically instructed not to conduct the interviews. The lead
has been set forth again in the reairtel.

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1 - [REDACTED]

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The Attorney General

May 17, 1961

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Director, FBI

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ON 7/9/04

EX-105

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

During the latter part of April, 1961, an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that [REDACTED] was preparing a lengthy "brief" apparently condemning, from a legal point of view, the part played by the United States in the recent attempted invasion of Cuba.

[REDACTED] was preparing to send copies of the brief to members of the American Bar Association and others concerned with "world peace through law," requesting sponsorship of the document.

Toward the middle of May, 1961, the informant advised that [REDACTED] had completed the brief and had mailed approximately 600 copies. [REDACTED] claimed to have obtained between 125 and 130 sponsors from the mailing.

[REDACTED] plans to mail the document to President Kennedy on May 18, 1961, and expects to send copies to members of the United States Senate Foreign Relations and Judiciary Committees. He also plans to make the document available to the press on May 18, 1961.

The informant has advised that [REDACTED] is a member of the New York chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild and an active member of this organization. The National Lawyers' Guild has been cited as a communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities by report dated March 29, 1944.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past in 1950 identified [REDACTED] as a "concealed communist" whom he had met as a communist in the 1940's and who was referred to as a communist in official Communist Party reports in those years.

I thought you would be interested in knowing the origin of the above-mentioned document since plans are being made to send it to the President.

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MAY 29 1961

Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

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The Attorney General

NOTE:

Classified "~~Confidential~~" since it contains information from a sensitive informant, the unauthorized disclosure of which could have an effect on our national defense. [REDACTED] is in the Security Index.

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Date: 5/16/61

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 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (109-112)
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 IS - CUBA

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 Attached hereto are eleven copies of a letterhead memo concerning the preparation of a "brief" by [REDACTED] apparently condemning the part played by the U. S. in the recent ill-fated invasion of Cuba. [REDACTED] planned to mail this document to President Kennedy on 5/18/61.

The information was obtained during the latter part of April and on 5/15/61 by [REDACTED].

The source used to characterize [REDACTED] is LOUIS F. BUDENZ.

This memo has been classified "~~confidential~~" inasmuch as all the information was furnished by a most sensitive source.

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EX-105 Copy to: CIA/State/ [REDACTED]

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by routing slip for info.

Date 7/2/61 by [REDACTED]

- ① - Bureau (109-12-210) (Encs. 11) [REDACTED]
 (1 - [REDACTED])
 1 - New York [REDACTED]
 1 - New York (100-78633) I. G. NEEDLEMAN, #33
 1 - New York (109-112, #31)

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ON 7/7/64

New York, New York
May 16, 1961

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

During the latter part of April, 1961, a confidential source advised that [REDACTED] was engaged in the preparation of a lengthy "brief" apparently condemning, from a legal point of view, the part played by the United States in the recent attempted invasion of Cuba. b7C

[REDACTED] was preparing to send mimeographed copies of this "brief" to members of the American Bar Association and others concerned with "world peace through law," requesting sponsorship of the document.

Towards the middle of May, 1961, the source advised that [REDACTED] had completed his "brief" and had mailed approximately 600 copies. He claimed to have obtained between 125 and 130 sponsors out of this mailing.

[REDACTED] planned to mail the document to President John F. Kennedy on Thursday, May 18, 1961, and he expected to send copies to members of the United States Senate Foreign Relations and Judiciary Committees, and to furnish it to the press that same day.

The source has advised that [REDACTED] the New York chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild and an active member of this organization.

In 1950 another confidential source identified [REDACTED] as a "concealed Communist," whom he had met as a Communist in the 1940's and who was referred to as a Communist in official Communist Party reports in those years.

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Lawyers' Guild":

"National Lawyers' Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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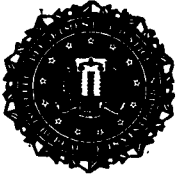
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May 12, 1961

RE: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

Reference is made to the memorandum dated and captioned as above.

The confidential source, referred to in referenced memorandum, has furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210)

DATE: 5/12/61

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There are enclosed herewith five copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above at Mexico, D. F., together with five copies of a letterhead memorandum evaluating the confidential source utilized therein.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/27/61 at Mexico, D. F.

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[redacted] mentioned in the enclosed report, is believed to be [redacted]

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The enclosed report has been classified "Confidential," in order to protect the security of a Bureau source in Mexico.

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AT MEXICO, D. F.:

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TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: 5/22/61

FROM : S. B. Donahoe

- 1 - Parsons
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SUBJECT: FULTON LEWIS, JR.
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Fulton Lewis, Jr., may have utilized as basis for data in his column, scheduled for release 5/16/61 (copy of which is attached), [REDACTED] (S)

In 5/16/61 column Lewis stated U. S. had documentary evidence that Castro government actively working for violent overthrow of pro-Western regimes throughout Latin America and that this proof had been in U. S. possession since November, 1960, when anti-Castro group raided Cuban Embassy, Lima, Peru, seizing more than a thousand diplomatic reports. Lewis quoted from one document which showed efforts of Cubans to undermine Peruvian Government.

In this connection, the press in January, 1961, reported that the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD, an anti-Castro organization receiving covert CIA support) allegedly staged a raid on Cuban Embassy, Lima, Peru, November, 1960, and came up with documents showing blueprint of a communist plan to seize control in South America.

We checked the above news item with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We do not know if document Lewis used is fraudulent. (See memorandum to Belmont, 1/19/61, re "The Impact of Castro on Latin America and ACTION: the Caribbean area.")

None. This is for your information.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/16/61

Source of attached data is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
who was in Cuba during recent invasion
attempt and who was held under house
arrest during that time. [REDACTED]
furnished his observations and offers
suggestions to how to overthrow Castro.

Attached data being disseminated
to State, CIA, U. S. Information Agency,
military agencies and Department.

VHN The Milicianos mentioned in
attached matter are the Castro
militiamen.

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Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information concerning the above subject matter and eleven (11) copies of an evaluation memorandum setting forth the reliability of the informant used.

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was referred to the NYO by _____, a member of the Christian Democrats, an anti-CASTRO organization.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

May 15, 1961

Re: Cuban Situation

[REDACTED] on May 9, 1961, advised that he had departed from Havana, Cuba, a short time after the failure of the recent invasion of Cuba. [REDACTED] stated that during the invasion and shortly thereafter he had been under house arrest and noted several things which happened during this period, which he thought to be of importance and of possible use to the United States Government.

[REDACTED] advised that on the morning of April 17, 1961, the government of Prime Minister Fidel Castro began to round up many people in the Havana area and the streets were all patrolled by the Milicianos, who went from door to door picking up people and detaining them. [REDACTED] stated that on the morning of April 17, 1961, 300 bus drivers had been arrested and detained in Havana and this caused great excitement as the wives and relatives of these bus drivers protested their detention and this incident was repeated in various sections of Havana on April 17, 1961.

[REDACTED] also stated that Fidel Castro, Prime Minister of Cuba, handled the situation very well for he immediately seized the radio and did not disclose any information about the details of the invasion, and then, immediately, for the next two days, there were no news broadcasts and the government radios played music all day long so that the people in Havana and in other sections of Cuba had no knowledge of what was transpiring during the period April 17 through 19, 1961, except for the fact that they

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knew that many people were being arrested and detained. [redacted] also advised on May 9, 1961, that he was closely associated with members of the clergy in Havana, and had been with them when they were placed under house arrest by members of the Castro military. [redacted] stated that when the clergy was first put under house arrest, they were treated very discourteously by the military, but after they learned the details of the speech made by President John F. Kennedy they immediately changed their attitude toward the clergy and desired to become friends of the clergy because they felt that soon President Kennedy would send the United States Marines to intervene in Cuba and they wanted to be on the good side of the clergy when that time came.

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[redacted] advised that in the demonstrations in Havana after the invasion and on May 1, 1961, it was obvious to many people who know the nature of the Cubans that the acclamation for Fidel Castro was not sincere and that these people were merely part of the crowd who had been aroused and were forced by circumstances to outwardly show by their presence and shouting that they were in support of the Castro Government.

[redacted] stated that he would not hazard a guess as to the exact percentage of people who are still loyal to Prime Minister Castro, but he is positive a majority of the Cuban people are opposed to Castro and if a proper propaganda program is waged against the Castro Government, these people will openly oppose the rule in Cuba.

[redacted] also stated that it is very obvious in Cuba today that there is animosity growing against the milicianos by members of the Army and the Secret Police of the Cuban Government. [redacted] stated that the defeat of the recent Cuban invasion was attributed by Castro to the great fighting of the milicianos, which has made the milicianos very proud and very arrogant and most of the members of the milicianos are of the lower class and [redacted] stated that Castro's Secret Police and Army resent the position which the milicianos hold in Cuba today.

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██████████ stated to emphasize this point, while he was with members of the clergy, who had been under house arrest, the Secret Police and members of the Army sided with the clergy because of the arrogant attitude of members of the milicianos toward the clergy. ██████████ also stated when he was leaving the airport in Havana he had been badly treated by members of the milicianos who were stationed there and while at the airport members of the Secret Police and members of the Army had come up to him and asked him to prefer charges against the milicianos for the treatment they had shown him. ██████████ stated that he declined to prefer any charges and to forget the matter, but in his own mind this was a clear indication of the bitterness and resentment which is growing inside Cuba against the milicianos.

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By way of offering suggestions to topple the government of Prime Minister Fidel Castro, ██████████ stated that this can be done by intensive propaganda programs against Castro and the leaders of the government. ██████████ stated that the United States and other Latin American countries must bring together the best minds regarding this situation and work out a program of effective propaganda against Castro and his government. ██████████ stated that one of the most important objectives is to give to the Cuban people the truth because he stated that the people inside Cuba are beginning to see that many of the statements made by the Castro Government and propaganda organs are false. ██████████ stated that Radio SWAN had fallen into the same pitfall of giving false information about things which were happening inside Cuba, which the people in Cuba knew were not true, and hence, many of the broadcasts of Radio SWAN were ineffective because they distorted facts and refused to give the truth to the people.

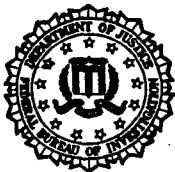
██████████ also stated that it would be excellent propaganda to continue to talk about another invasion of Cuba because while the invasion talk continues, Castro and his government is forced to keep training people in the milicianos and many of them have to lose time from work and hence, the effect is very bad on the economy because of work stoppage.

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██████████ also stated that he believed that it would be excellent propaganda to broadcast from Miami a daily program to Cuba and identify the radio as Radio Moscow and indicate in the broadcast how well the Cubans are following the Russian line and in fact, in many ways are doing things better than the Russians. ██████████ stated that in these broadcasts the actions and the deeds of Major Ernesto "Che" Guevara should be extolled and Guevara should be mentioned as an excellent example of a Russian agent and no mention should be made of Prime Minister Fidel Castro in these broadcasts. ██████████ stated that Castro is an extremely proud and haughty individual and cannot bear to be put in the background and all the publicity he receives, whether good or bad, is incense to him. ██████████ stated by this method a wedge could be driven between Guevara and Castro, which would cause internal disruption in the top echelon of the government.

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██████████ stated that a very important action, which he would heartily recommend for the United States, would be a total embargo of Cuba which would quickly bring about Castro's downfall.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York

May 15, 1961

Re: Cuban Situation

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A clergyman who was placed under house arrest in Cuba during the recent invasion attempt furnished the following data to our New York Office on May 9, 1961:

At the start of the invasion Castro had the Cuban radio facilities seized and had his militiamen arrest and detain numerous individuals in the Havana area, including some 300 bus drivers. As a result, the Cuban people were unaware of what was taking place, other than the fact that many persons were being arrested.

When members of the clergy were first placed under house arrest, they were treated discourteously by the Cuban military. However, following a speech made by President Kennedy, the military sought to make amends because they felt the President would soon send United States Marines to intervene in Cuba and they wanted to be on the good side of the clergy when that time came.

The source stated it was obvious to those who knew Cubans that the acclaim for Castro following the abortive invasion and on May Day, 1961, was not sincere and that many of those acclaiming Castro were forced by circumstances to demonstrate their support for the Castro government. It was the source's belief that the majority of the Cuban people are against Castro and that if the proper propaganda programs were directed against Cuba, these individuals would openly oppose him.

According to the source, Castro has attributed the defeat of the Cuban invasion to the ability of his militiamen which has made them proud and arrogant. Reportedly, Castro's army and secret police are resentful of the position held by the militiamen and animosity is allegedly growing between the army and secret police on the one hand and the militiamen on the other.

The source suggested that an intensive propaganda campaign be directed against the Castro government utilizing the most qualified individuals in the United States and Latin America. One of the key objectives of the campaign would be to tell the

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The Attorney General

Cubans the truth as the Cubans themselves are now beginning to realize that much of the Castro propaganda is false. The source noted that many of the broadcasts of Radio SWAN (which transmits anti-Castro material) were ineffective because the facts were distorted and not in accord with actual events which were transpiring in Cuba.

The source believes that it would be excellent propaganda to continue to talk about another invasion. Such talk would force Castro to keep his militia in training with the result that many would lose time from their work. The loss of time on the job would have a corresponding effect on Cuban economy.

In addition, the source believes it would be excellent propaganda to beam a daily program from Miami identified as Radio Moscow. This program would tell the Cubans how well they are following the Soviet line and point out that in many ways they are surpassing the Soviets. No mention of Castro should be made in these broadcasts but the deeds of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Cuban Minister of Industry, should be extolled. Since Castro is an extremely proud and naughty individual who cannot bear to be put in the background, the extolling of Guevara could drive a wedge between them.

The source recommended a total embargo of Cuba by the United States. He believes this would quickly bring about Castro's downfall.

1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-10-210)

DATE: 5/10/61

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (100-401)

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SUBJECT: CUBAN SITUATION
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This Office is maintaining close liaison with
CRI, G-2 and OSI, as well as INM and Customs in regard
to captioned matter in order that it will be aware of
any information pertinent to this matter.

This Office has no Security Index Subjects
connected with the Cuban situation.

This matter is being given constant attention and
any pertinent information will be furnished immediately to
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (109-12-210)

DATE: 5-18-61

FROM : Legal Attaché, Madrid (109-16)

SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA
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Re Madrid letter 3-28-61.

Attached are nine copies each of a letterhead and an evaluation memorandum on the above subject. The confidential source abroad mentioned in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted]

The memorandum has been classified confidential to protect the source, who furnishes information of Bureau interest to the Madrid Office on a continuing basis.

The Madrid Office will continue to follow this matter here and the Bureau will be advised.

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ON 7/7/04

Re: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

On May 16, 1961, a confidential source abroad furnished the following information:

On the previous day the source received a visit in Madrid, Spain, from a Catholic priest named [REDACTED] who lives and works in Gijon, Spain. [REDACTED] told the source that there are many Spaniards in the Asturias region of Spain who are quite eager to sign up to fight against the government of FIDEL CASTRO of Cuba.

[REDACTED] said that the principal purpose of his visit to the source was to furnish information on an incident that had occurred in Gijon a week or two before. He said that living in Gijon is a Spanish repatriate from Russia, who returned to Spain several years ago after having resided in Russia from the time of the Spanish Civil War. By reason of his residence in Russia this repatriate is quite fluent in the Russian language. b7c

According to [REDACTED] two individuals allegedly connected with a "terrorist school" located at Toulouse, France, had been in Gijon. While in the presence of the repatriate and apparently unaware of the fact that he understood Russian, the two were conversing in the Russian language and mentioned that they had been told in Toulouse that the Russians are sending "small missiles" to Cuba via submarine.

Source said that [REDACTED] could furnish no additional information on this matter other than to say that he believed that both the repatriate and the two men from Toulouse were under the surveillance of Spanish police authorities.

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May 18, 1961

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DATE 7/9/04 BY Auc 100290 BGE/TCL/cld

Re: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

In connection with the memorandum dated May 18, 1961, on the above subject, the confidential source abroad mentioned therein is one who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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To: SAC, Phoenix

From: Director, FBI (109-12-210)

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The interview of the unknown participant in the recent Cuban invasion was conducted by

This interview by was conducted at the home of the unknown individual who took part in the recent Cuban invasion. The interview took place on April 26, 1961, presumably in Miami, Florida.

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The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information the disclosure of which could be detrimental to the best interests of the United States and the national defense.

The involvement of the U.S. in the recent Cuban invasion was set forth openly since this matter has received such widespread publicity in the press, radio and television.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

May 19, 1961

Re: Cuban Situation

[REDACTED] on May 10, 1961, furnished a memorandum containing the results of an interview with an un-named individual who had participated in the recent Cuban invasion of April, 1961. This interview took place in Miami, Florida, on April 26, 1961:

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The recruit who had participated in the recent Cuban invasion of April, 1961, advised that living conditions at the camps in Guatemala were deplorable and there were no sanitary facilities available and human relations between recruits and officers were non-existent. This was in general the situation at the Trax Base, but not at the Retalhuleu Camp where the recruits mixed with the military instructors. In regard to the sanitary conditions, this recruit stated that there was no running water, there were not enough beds to go around and many recruits were forced to sleep on the floor. Regarding the recruit's statement about officers not mixing with recruits, this remark was meant to apply to the American instructors as the so-called Cuban officers shared their lot with the recruits. This recruit advised that it was the belief of the individuals in camp that those who lived in comfortable houses outside the military camps were members of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The recruit advised that immediately prior to the invasion, the Cuban invasion force was transferred from Trax Base to the air base at Retalhuleu in closed trucks which were in poor condition, from Retalhuleu by air transport to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, where there was an airport.

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Re: Cuban Situation

Puerto Cabezas. This recruit left Guatemala on April 3, 1961, and arrived at Puerto Cabezas on the same day and left Puerto Cabezas on April 11, 1961, aboard the "Rio Escondido" and arrived on Cuban shores in the dawn of April 17, 1961.

This recruit advised that the landing started immediately upon arrival at Cuban shores. This individual stated that the trip from Puerto Cabezas to Cuba, aboard the merchant ships, was made under very poor conditions as there were no beds and the invasion force had to sleep on deck and were poorly fed, but it was fortunate they had no bad weather or rain.

The recruit stated that the landings at Bahia de Cochinos seemed to have lacked adequate organization because the barges could not be used to carry heavy equipment such as tanks and armored trucks, and LSU's had to be used forcing invasion troops to make their landing in small "outboard" motor boats.

The recruit stated that the first landing was accomplished by three frogmen who were accompanied by one of the CIA instructors and upon reaching the beach they met a jeep, fired upon it and killed its occupants. This recruit stated that he had gotten this information from the American who was with the frogmen who is known to him as [REDACTED] and he believed that all American instructors in the camps were under assumed names. b7C

This individual further stated that when the firing was made upon the jeep, it was noticed that all lights from a town or village near Playa Giron were turned off. Immediately, heavy firing of 50 caliber machine guns began and the firing could be clearly seen by the recruit from his ship, the "Rio Escondido", due to the amount of tracer bullets used. These events, according to the recruit,

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had taken place at approximately 2:00 AM, on the morning of April 17, 1961.

The recruit stated that each of the invasion ships had as artillery four 50 caliber guns and no other air protection. The reason for this, according to the recruit, was that they had always been told that there were no problems for the invasion force from Castro's tanks and air force. The recruit stated that it was never clarified to them if this meant that Castro did not have an air force or that full air protection would be provided by American forces if the problem arose. In regard to this matter, the recruit stated that when they asked in camp about anti-aircraft practice, they were informed that they did not need it because it would not be used.

The recruit advised that at about 9:15 AM, April 17, 1961, when the landing had been achieved, while the "Rio Escondido" was lying approximately six miles from shore, this ship was attacked by a Sea Fury armed with rockets and one rocket hit the deck starting a fire and forced the crew to jump overboard. The "Rio Escondido" exploded at approximately 9:30 AM, April 17, 1961. As the men were swimming to the shore they were attacked with machine guns from Sea Furies, but the "Bragar" and another ship nearby, began to open fire and the Sea Furies withdrew. This recruit advised that the survivors of the "Rio Escondido" were picked up by the "Bragar".

The "Bragar" stayed in the area until approximately noontime when its commander, an American Captain, received radio contact from [REDACTED] b7c and he requested authorization to withdraw as, lacking air protection, ships were liable to be sunk by Castro's air force. The recruit stated that

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Comandante San Roman authorized the withdrawal of the "Bragar" but requested that the "Bragar" return at night as men on land had artillery provisions for only a few hours and needed reinforcements to hold their positions. In view of the above facts, the recruit stated that two merchant ships, the "Atlantic" and the "Caribe" joined with the two small military-type ones, the "Bragar" and the "Barbara Jones", withdrew, and were still pursued and attacked by Prime Minister Castro's air force, even when they were about 40 miles from shore. The recruit stated that one of the ships fired back and downed a Castro B-26.

The recruit advised that during the night of April 17, 1961, the decision was made not to return to the beach as all ships were loaded with explosives and dynamite and since they lacked needed air protection, it would have been suicidal to return, so [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was informed that the ships would not return and he accepted the situation. b7c

The recruit advised that on April 18, 1961, radio information was received that a point designated as "Red Beach" had been lost due to lack of protection for its defense. The recruit stated that there were two other beaches designated as "Blue Beach" and "Green Beach" and that troops had been landed at "Blue Beach", but in view of the situation, no troops landed at "Green Beach". The recruit advised that he could not designate the areas identified as "Red Beach", "Blue Beach" or "Green Beach" as these were conventional names known only to those involved in the landings.

The recruit advised that on Wednesday, April 19, 1961, "Blue Beach" radioed for air cover as the only way to defend themselves and they sent a message stating that tanks were approaching by a northern route and troops were

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advancing from the East and West. This radio communication, according to the recruit, stated that the landing force had been completely surrounded and only air protection could now save them.

In view of these circumstances, requests were made from "Blue Beach" to the commander of the destroyer in that vicinity, whose operations in the plan were designated as "Santiago", asking for air protection. The commander of the destroyer sent his reply which was, "My heart is with you, but we have received no instructions".

The recruit stated that afterwards it sounded as though the "Santiago" spoke with another ship's commander, an aircraft carrier known in the plan as "Lemon", who replied that four jets would be sent. The recruit stated that he never saw "Lemon". The recruit advised that those aboard the "Bragar" saw the four jets heading for shore and after a certain time elapsed, San Roman, who commanded "Blue Beach", informed by radio that the jets had passed over them taking no action. The recruit advised that at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 19, 1961, Comandante San Roman desperately advised by radio that he would try to abandon the beach as the situation was untenable and that he would cut off all communications with the ships.

The recruit advised that the Cuban invasion force used 75mm recoilless guns while the force of Prime Minister Castro used 105 and 120mm guns. The recruit stated that besides being subjected to the air attack, the ships in the invasion were also fired upon from shore. The recruit advised also that in the sealed orders which had been handed to the expeditionaries while at sea, it was specified that on Monday, April 17, 1961, coinciding with landing preparations, eleven airports or strategic points in Cuba would be bombed and it was considered that

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this operation was designed to destroy the airports at San Julian, San Antonio de los Banos, Rancho Boyeros, Ciudad Libertad, Camaguey, Santa Clara, Santiago de Cuba, and perhaps, Cienfuegos and other military objectives. The recruit stated that instead of following this plan there were small isolated bombings made on Saturday, April 15, 1961, and it was announced that these bombings were made against Prime Minister Castro by pilots defecting from his air force, whereas these bombings were made by the invading Cuban air force. The recruit stated that it was his opinion that these premature bombings most certainly alerted Fidel Castro to the invasion by the main force.

The recruit advised that upon their return to the air base in Nicaragua after the unsuccessful invasion, he and others asked the Cuban pilots why the bombings had not taken place in Cuba on April 17, as previously planned, and the Cuban pilots stated that orders had been received from American instructors not to make these bombing runs. The recruit stressed the fact that the air attacks made by Cuban pilots had originated in Nicaragua and that a three hour flight was needed each way which left the pilot with only one hour to operate over Cuba. Such missions were exhausting as it left no time for sleep and the pilots had only sandwiches and used great amounts of benzedrine in order to stay awake. The recruit advised that the only aircraft the Cuban pilots used were B-26's and C-54's which were very slow in comparison with Fidel Castro's Sea Furies and T-33's. The recruit advised that he had learned from the Cuban pilots that all missions by B-26's were made without machine gun turrets as these were removed to lessen the weight of the plane in order to install additional gasoline tanks which were needed for the flight.

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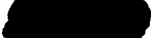
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New York, New York

May 19, 1961

Re: Cuban Situation

Reference is made to the memorandum, dated
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STATUS OF CUBAN MEDICAL PROFESSION

BT OGA dissemination unclassified per te Hct 6/28/04. AUC 60290 BCL/TCG/WW 7/7/04

Re Miami airtels to the Bureau dated 11/21/60
and 2/16/61.

Enclosed are nine copies of a letterhead memo
suitable for dissemination.

[redacted] in the enclosed memo, is [redacted]
[redacted] widely acquainted with both pro
and anti-FIDEL CASTRO Cuban medical doctors.

He is under development as a PSI; his identity
is concealed by request, as he still has several members
of his family in Cuba, including [redacted]

The attached memo is classified ~~confidential~~
since revelation of its contents to unauthorized sources
could jeopardize members of the family of [redacted]
who are still in Cuba.

One copy of this memo is furnished INS locally.

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Miami, Florida

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[REDACTED] residing in exile in Miami who is widely acquainted with both pro and anti-FIDEL CASTRO Cuban medical doctors, furnished the following information on May 5, 1961. Information furnished by this source regarding communist affiliation of certain members of the Cuban Medical Association, and the Cuban Medical Association's being taken over by communists backed by RAUL CASTRO, brother of FIDEL CASTRO, and ERNESTO 'CHE' GUEVARA, has previously been reported. b2 b7D

ALLEGED CASTRO CONTROLLED
CLANDESTINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

[REDACTED] stated that during the past several months a Cuban Medical College, or clandestine Medical Association, has been in the process of organization. It has the appearance of being clandestine; however, it is believed to be backed by FIDEL CASTRO for use as a means of infiltrating medical associations actually opposed to him. It will also serve as a means for retaining control of the profession by those now leading it. b2 b7D

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[REDACTED] He was deposed during the first part of the year after FIDEL CASTRO came into power. [REDACTED]

When [REDACTED] was deposed by the CASTRO group, he was accused of having received commissions, or "kickbacks" in the construction of the "Edificio del Colegio Medico" (Medical Association Building) located at 23rd Street, corner of M, Vedado, Havana. Although he had, in fact, received "commissions", he came out of the situation very well through the help of [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] and who assisted CASTRO greatly in his anti-BATISTA propaganda campaign.

[REDACTED] has a history for having been involved in communist activities. When the government of JACOBO ARBENZ failed in Guatemala, [REDACTED] along with other outstanding intellectuals of Cuba and Latin America, condemning the overthrow of the Government of ARBENZ. It is generally reported among doctors, although this fact is not known to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] cannot enter the United States because he is a communist. b7C b2 b7D

He was in Europe and behind the Iron Curtain in the Summer of 1960. He was given a sum of money by the CASTRO Government in dollars. He received very favorable publicity when he returned and publicly delivered some of the money back to CASTRO, saying that the Russians had been very courteous and had not allowed him to pay for meals or expenses. This money was returned by him through the Banco Continental de Cuba, when the Bank

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President was one [REDACTED] a strong CASTRO supporter at that time, who gave great financial assistance to CASTRO until the latter confiscated his two sugar mills which were worth several million pesos. [REDACTED] then fled to Spain. b7C

It is now reported that there are many doctors in the clandestine organization. A great number of them are known CASTRO communists, and they occupy the highest positions. This Medical Association has commenced to fight The Medical Association in Exile, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The argument used by the clandestine organization is that all doctors who have left Cuba are cowards and have not and are not contributing anything to the anti-CASTRO cause while those within Cuba are running all the risk. These risks are described by [REDACTED] as imaginary because of the contact the organization has with CASTRO through [REDACTED] indicated above as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pointed out that the clandestine CASTRO controlled Medical Association in Cuba seeks to accomplish the following: b7C
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- (1) Eliminate from their old positions all the doctors who are outside of Cuba.
- (2) Those in the CASTRO organization will occupy all of the high positions in the Medical Association of Cuba, as well as the direction and administration of hospitals, presidency of the Cuban Medical Association, and of all the Cuban branches of the North American Medical Societies who have branches in Cuba.

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The majority of the CASTRO controlled doctors can be overwhelming since there are about 6,500 doctors, and of them 2,000 have graduated since CASTRO went into power. These have been prematurely graduated and are not fully qualified by several years. These new doctors will all feel an allegiance to CASTRO, and in any "election" it will be easy for them to elect the CASTRO and communist supporters to all positions of importance to the total exclusion of all doctors outside of Cuba.

A few weeks ago a person arrived in Miami who is well acquainted with several people occupying positions of importance under the CASTRO Government. He pointed out that many of the doctors there allegedly belonging to the clandestine organization, but which is actually controlled by and subservient to FIDEL CASTRO, are using the automobiles, homes, swimming pools and other facilities of wealthy physicians in exile. Source stated that in the event the so-called Clandestine Medical Association would sweep into power and would impose fines and penalties upon all the Cuban doctors in exile. Such ideas have been discussed as the one which would not return properties to them in less than five to ten years, or confiscate the same entirely accusing the doctors in exile of treason for having abandoned the cause and abandoned the national territory.

The danger of this organization is pointed out by [REDACTED] to be similar to that which exists in the Rebel Army and among numerous professions who are allegedly conspiring against the government of CASTRO but actually are indifferent to CASTRO himself. These individuals have no actual anti-CASTRO program that looks beyond an opportunity for each of them to occupy a position of importance and continue the same kind of communism which is dominating Cuba today.

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The activities of [REDACTED] betray this maneuver, and he may at any time initiate an action against those doctors who are misled and who actually think they are combatting communism.

[REDACTED] pointed out that as an indication of the truth of the above is the fact that [REDACTED] has now made himself appear as disgusted with RAUL CASTRO and has joined the alleged Clandestine Medical Association. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sancti Spiritus, where he has been very poorly received because no one is convinced that he is repentant. He denounced many persons, including doctors in Sancti Spiritus, as being anti-CASTRO, and many of them are still incarcerated.

[REDACTED] stated this information concerning [REDACTED] can be substantiated by [REDACTED] residing in exile in Miami, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was held in the Sancti Spiritus jail on the basis of a denouncement made against him by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that there are now 16 medical associations in exile, and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He appears to be anti-CASTRO and not in any way connected to the

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clandestine, CASTRO-controlled organization of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It is felt that the associations in exile which he
claims to represent are probably very small.

ADDITIONAL DATA CONCERNING CUBAN
DOCTORS WITH COMMUNIST AFFILIATION

[REDACTED] associates with
communist leaders such as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
who are relatives of his. [REDACTED]
of the Cuban daily newspaper "Hoy", self-described as
official organ of the Cuban Communist Party. [REDACTED]

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and centers his activities in the heavily communist populated
province of Las Villas.

[REDACTED], was described by [REDACTED]
as a very active man who has denounced a great number of
Cuban doctors and other people who do not sympathize with
the present communist regime of CASTRO. One of those
denounced is [REDACTED] relative of the well known
cattle man, [REDACTED], who is now in prison in Cuba.

[REDACTED]
the President of Cuba, OSWALDO BORTICOS. He practices
at Cienfuegos at Las Villas Province, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] where he is well known for his communist activities.
He attended the Spanish guerrilla warfare instructor,
[REDACTED], when he was wounded in January, 1961.

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unable to distinguish his thinking from that of known communists who do not deviate from the Communist Party line.

**ADDITIONAL DOCTORS ALLEGEDLY
MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY**

[REDACTED] furnished a Photostat of a list of typewritten names which he stated is circulating among Cuban doctors in exile in the United States, especially in the Miami area. He stated he did not know the origin of the list, and he would not vouch for its authenticity although he had carefully reviewed it and has noted that a large majority of the names appearing on the list are definitely those of individuals known to him to be members of the Communist Party. He stated, however, that he is not sure concerning some of the names.

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In this connection, he pointed out the fourth and fifth names on the list, which are those of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

He noted that he had previously reported both of these individuals to be members of the Communist Party. [REDACTED] stated that he would check further on the identity and political affiliation of the names on instant list and would delete those on which he could find no substantiating data to establish their communist affiliation.

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Political Matters - Cuba" in which [REDACTED] is
mentioned. For your information following is only data,
possibly identical, in Bufiles at this time.

INS advised on 3-21-52 that [REDACTED]
housewife, born [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] was admitted to the
U.S. at Miami, Florida, on 3-17-52 for a 2-week stay for
pleasure. She was to stay at the Hotel Saxony in Miami Beach.

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Political Matters - Cuba." [REDACTED] is mentioned therein and
following data, possibly identical, from Bufiles is
furnished for your information.

Leahy, Havana, [REDACTED] advised on 12-23-48
that [REDACTED] and Dr. Ramon [REDACTED] were on a long list of
speakers at a meeting in Havana on 12-18-48 to honor Romulo
Gallegos, deposed President of Venezuela. This source
advised the communists turned the affair into an anti-American
demonstration.

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Legal Attache, Mexico

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INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Enclosed are single copies of Miami airtel and memorandum 5-16-61 entitled "Foreign Political Matters - Cuba."

Review of Bufiles indicates that the individual named [redacted] mentioned in the airtel and memorandum is identical with [redacted] of the Communist Party of Cuba (CPC). A Bureau source was in contact with the subject in August, 1960, and described him as 5 feet 11 inches, 170-175 pounds, olive complexion, 38 years old and nice looking. While this description varies with the description furnished by [redacted] it is pointed out that the job description furnished by the latter would appear to pertain to the subject.

It is not desired that investigation of [redacted] activities in Mexico be instituted. In the event you have established sources who have access to Cuban Airlines manifests, you should make the check suggested by Miami in an effort to positively establish the subject's identity.

For the information of Mexico, Bureau is attempting to establish the validity of the data furnished [redacted] and will give consideration to further contacts with him. This is being handled on a most discreet basis.

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Letter to Legal Attache, Mexico
RE: [REDACTED]

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NOTE:

[REDACTED] and furnished some very interesting observations concerning Cuban situation to Miami. Miami has been instructed to furnish exact details concerning its contact with [REDACTED]. Lead was set out for Mexico to conduct investigation of activities of one [REDACTED] described by [REDACTED] as a Cuban CP Deputy working for the Cuban Ministry of State who was on a plane going to Mexico City with [REDACTED] either on 4-21-61 or 4-29-61. It does not appear desirable for Legat to conduct investigation of his activities in Mexico but we are asking that manifests be checked through established sources so [REDACTED] identity can be positively established.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-45672)

SUBJECT: CUBAN SITUATION
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Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information concerning above matter, and 11 copies of a reliability memorandum setting forth the reliability of the informant used.

mentioned in enclosed memorandum, is

The interview of the unknown participant in the recent Cuban invasion was conducted by

This interview by was conducted at the home of on 4/25/61.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information the disclosure of which could be detrimental to the best interests of the United States and the national defense.

The involvement of the U.S. in the recent Cuban invasion was set forth openly since this matter has received such widespread publicity in the press, radio and television.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

May 17, 1961

Re: Cuban Situation

[REDACTED] on May 10, 1961, furnished a memorandum containing information from an un-named individual who had participated in the recent Cuban invasion in April, 1961. This interview took place in Miami, Florida on Tuesday, April 25, 1961. The contents of the memorandum reads as follows:

The individual who participated in the training of the invasion force had been designated to participate in the infiltration or intelligence corps which was trained at Trax Base, Guatemala. He described his life at the base as very difficult and under very poor sanitary conditions. He advised that the instructors lived in comfortable houses outside of camp and never shared anything in common with the troops, but he pointed out that the situation at the air base at Retalhuleu was different because the pilot instructors mixed with the aviators.

This recruit was asked whether or not he was under the impression that the invasion would be supported by the American Government in the event that the initial invasion attempt failed and he stated that he was under this belief. This recruit stated that it was not only his belief, but it was also the judgement of other recruits in the camp that the United States Government would reinforce the initial invasion attempt with American troops or American protection if the landing was not successful although some, and these were very few in number, had other misgivings about these American promises. This recruit stated, however, that he had never been expressly informed of such offered protection by the American Government for the invasion of Cuba. This recruit also stated that in his opinion, the military instructors at Trax

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Base were also of the opinion that support would come from the American Government in the event that the initial landing in Cuba was unsuccessful. The reason this recruit and others believed that they would be supported by the American Government was based on the fact that arms provided them were clearly marked as belonging to the American Army. This recruit stated that it was inconceivable to carry American military weapons if it was not the intention of the United States to back up their invasion of Cuba.

In connection with the invasion itself, this recruit stated that he belonged to the intelligence or infiltration corps and that he and other units were scheduled to land ahead of the invasion force. This recruit was questioned about a description of his activities from the time he left the Trax camp until he reached Cuba and he detailed it as best he could but stated he was confused regarding dates because of ceaseless moving, but thought that the dates he referred to were accurate.

This recruit advised that on Wednesday, April 12, 1961, they were transferred from the air base near Retalhuleu to some place in Nicaragua. The transfer from Trax to Retalhuleu was made by truck during the day. This recruit stated that since the travel was made during the day, it is possible that their movement could have been observed and reported to the Government of Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba. This recruit also considered the peasants and workers near Trax Base led a very miserable life and the recruits had offered milk et cetera to them, but no friendliness arose and he assumed that Castro was fully informed about the operations at Trax Base.

This recruit advised that upon arrival in Nicaragua, they were transferred by truck at night from the base where they had landed to a railroad station where they boarded a train for Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, where he believes they

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arrived on Thursday, April 13, 1961, and they boarded a ship there and remained aboard until Sunday, April 16, 1961. This recruit stated that he was aboard the "Lake Charles" and estimated the speed of this ship at nine knots per hour.

This recruit further said that when he and others arrived on board the "Lake Charles", they learned that two other ships, the "Rio Escondido" and the "Houston" had already sailed. The recruit advised that the expeditionary fleet was made up of five ships and that one of them, the "Caribe" had a speed of twelve knots per hour. All ships were under the Liberian flag and were equipped with four 50 caliber machine guns and lacked effective anti-aircraft protection.

The recruit was asked whether or not there was any artillery equipment aboard the ship and whether or not, while in camp, the recruits had been given anti-aircraft training at Trax Base and the recruit said that no such training of this kind was given as they had been categorically informed that no air force or tanks from the Castro Army would show up and hence anti-aircraft guns would not be needed. This recruit was asked the reason given for the statement that there would be no encounter with tanks or aircraft belonging to the Castro Government and the recruit stated that there was no reason given, the matter was never clarified and the instructors abided by their categorical statement that upon landing, no Castrista tanks or planes would be encountered.

The recruit, during his interview, said his infiltration unit was equipped with M-3 with silencer, as advanced units had to defend themselves although use of these guns is banned by warfare regulations. This recruit stated that on Sunday, April 16, 1961, when

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initial dawn landings had been made, they left Puerto Cabezas and arrived near the Cuban coast on April 19, 1961, at 2:30 AM. While he was nearing Gran Caiman, there was a brief stop at a distance which was estimated to be about ten miles from land. While the "Caribe" was moored nearby, a destroyer constantly guarded the "Lake Charles" and the "Caribe". The recruit was asked whether or not a destroyer had escorted them from Puerto Cabezas, but he replied that it had joined them after their stop near the Cuban coast. He also said that on several occasions while stopped, two T-33's and several Sea Furies flew over them, but did not attack as it was believed they were scared off by the anti-aircraft guns on the destroyer.

The recruit stated that there were 105 persons aboard the "Lake Charles" which included doctors and the medical force. On the afternoon of April 20, 1961, at about 5:00 PM, several ships advanced toward land and it was believed by the recruit that this was a general landing maneuver. The other ships engaged in this maneuver were the "Barbara Joe", and the "Bragar", and another destroyer. The recruit advised that some American planes flew over land returning shortly after having been ordered by radio to do so and these American planes, by radio, informed that no persons were visible on Playa Giron and the combat was over. The recruit stated that all heard the orders over the radio, instructing ships and aircraft to return to the beach as well as orders to retreat as no one had been left on the beach.

The recruit advised that he had received information during the invasion landing that the "Rio Escondido" had been hit by a rocket fired from a Sea Fury at 9:17 AM, April 17, 1961, and the ship exploded at about 9:30 AM. The recruit advised that those aboard barely had time to jump overboard and those who were able to do so were picked up later. The recruit indicated that he had received

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the above information from [REDACTED] who had been on the main deck of the "Rio Escondido" with the Captain when the rocket hit it and the indication was that the "Rio Escondido" had arrived at the invasion spot at 1:30 AM on April 17, 1961.

This recruit also stated that the aircraft operation at the invasion area was undertaken by B-26's based in Nicaragua. The flying time from Nicaragua to the invasion area and back was six hours and that allowed the B-26's to fly over Cuba for one hour. In order to undertake that flight under such conditions, gun turrets were removed and the only artillery left was in the cockpit. Additional gasoline tanks were also fitted on the B-26's which lessened their speed and these B-26's were never covered by fighter planes which allowed the Sea Furies to open fire on them as practicing on shooting targets. The recruit stated that one of the B-26's was able to bomb one of Fidel Castro's columns using rockets, bombs and napalm bombs and it was estimated that between 400 and 500 casualties were inflicted. The recruit also advised that it was estimated that six B-26's were downed by Castro's Sea Furies.

The informant praised the American military instructions for their participation in the recent Cuban invasion, and stated that they had suffered as much as Cubans did with this defeat and that many of them had joined the invaders and he believes had died in the struggle.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

May 17, 1961

Re: Cuban Situation

Reference is made to the memorandum dated and captioned as above, at New York.

[REDACTED] is an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (109-12)

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Re New York teletype, 4/24/61.

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TO DIRECTOR

POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

FROM LEGAT, MEXICO CITY NO. 532

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA, IS - CUBA. MEXICO CITY PRESS
 TODAY REPORTS DEFECTION OF 2 CUBAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS. SECOND
 SECRETARY ~~ANTONIO MONTANE~~ AND HIS WIFE ~~CONSUL MILDRED MONTANE~~
 MONTANE, BOTH CAREER DIPLOMATS, WHO HAVE ASKED MEXICAN GOVERNMENT
 FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM DUE TO SUPPRESSION OF RELIGION IN CUBA AND
 ITS COMMUNIST REGIME. ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AT A NEWS CONFERENCE
 CALLED BY CARLOS FERNANDEZ TRUJILLO, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENTE
 REVOLUCIONARIO DEMOCRATICO (FRD) WHO INTRODUCED THEM. DEFECTORS
 SAID CUBAN EMBASSY, MEXICO, USED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES AND
 INTERVENTION IN MEXICAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. MONTANE SAID CUBAN
 EMBASSY HAS DAILY PHONE CONTACTS WITH SOVIET EMBASSY. MONTANE
 STATED REMAINING CUBAN EMBASSY STAFF ARE COMMUNISTS AND THAT
 COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA IS BEING HANDED OUT TO SCHOOL CHILDREN.
 HE ALSO CHARGED CUBAN EMBASSY "PRESUMABLY" INTERVENED IN PRO
 CASTRO MEETINGS OF RECENT WEEKS AND SUBSIDIZES STUDENT LEADERS.
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Synopsis: **[REDACTED]** and agency dissemination unclassified **[REDACTED]**
[REDACTED] Confidential source advised that **[REDACTED]**
[REDACTED] Mexico City daily "Excelsior" of 5/16/61 reported arrival of CARLOS OLIVARES SANCHEZ previous day for purpose of visiting General LAZARO CARDENAS and proceeding to Brazil. **b1**

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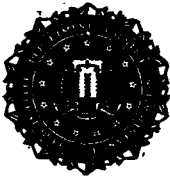
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On May 16, 1961, the Mexico City daily "Excelsior" published an article that CARLOS OLIVARES SANCHEZ, Cuban Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, had arrived in Mexico City the previous evening for the purpose of interviewing General LAZARO CARDENAS and extending to him the gratitude of the Cuban Socialist Revolution for his firm attitude which he has maintained in defense of the policy of no intervention and the self-determination of the people.

OLIVARES stated he was in Mexico for a three or four day visit and would then continue on to Brazil.

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Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of SA [REDACTED] Mexico, D. F.; 5/17/61, together with five copies of a letterhead memorandum evaluating the source utilized.

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Report of SA [REDACTED], Mexico, D. F., 5/15/61.

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Upon receipt of the information that CARLOS OLIVARES, Cuban Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, was arriving in Mexico on 5/15/61, [REDACTED]

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Source

Careful consideration was given to the source utilized in this report and it was deemed necessary to conceal his identity. The confidential source is identified as follows:

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Instant report has been classified "~~Confidential~~"
in order to protect the security of a Bureau source in Mexico.

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At Mexico, D. F., Mexico:

Will follow and report Cuban activities in Mexico.

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1 - Mr. Parsons
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Honorable Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Political Matters

Cuba

My dear Mr. Rusk:

We have recently received information from a source

Our contacts with this source have been limited but we are checking on his validity and on the possibility of continued contact with him.

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Our source further advised that the Cubans have organized groups throughout Latin America to sabotage industry and shipping and to stage violent demonstrations and attacks upon United States Embassies in the event of a United States attack on Cuba.

[REDACTED] He said there is an acute problem in the selection of Cuban personnel for foreign posts. These people are now being carefully selected and screened by members of the Communist Party who in turn have been selected by Soviet technicians. The shortage of dollars in Cuba is extremely acute and trade relations between Cuba and Czechoslovakia are not harmonious. There is a definite trend toward increased acceptance of bribes by Cuban Government officials.

This information has also been furnished to the Attorney General and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosed herewith are eleven (11) copies of a
letterhead memorandum setting forth information concerning
above matter, and eleven (11) copies of a reliability
memorandum setting forth the reliability of the informant
used.

[redacted] mentioned in attached MEMO report, is [redacted] from
Havana, Cuba. The copy of [redacted] statements
regarding the recent Cuban invasion were furnished to the
NYO by [redacted]

In regard to the information contained in
enclosed memorandum and also information contained in
referenced NY airtels, the Bureau's attention is directed
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The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified "~~Secret~~" because it contains information the disclosure of which could be detrimental to the best interests of the United States and the national defense.

The involvement of the US in the recent Cuban invasion was set forth openly since this matter has received such widespread publicity in the press, radio and television.

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Re: Cuban Situation

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[REDACTED] who had participated in the recent invasion of Cuba on April 17, 1961, wrote about his impressions from "Trax" Base at Guatemala, which letter is dated May 10, 1961. The letter of [REDACTED] sets forth his observations regarding the situation as he saw it and his observations are as follows:

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Monday, April 10, 1961

Since daybreak it was evident that departure was near and by 9 A.M. approximately 600 men were ready to leave for a meeting place in the vicinity of Cuba. These men were joined there with the pilots who had already been mobilized the previous week.

I went to Confession but was unable to receive Holy Communion as Mass previously set for 10 A.M. was advanced following superior instructions. While in military formation before mounting the trucks, permission was requested to sing our national anthem (Bayamo hymn). Parting was very emotional notwithstanding the assurances given that we would meet again at an unknown point before leaving for Cuba. All Cuban chiefs and the medical team from the camp in charge of first aid stations left today, April 10, 1961.

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Tuesday, April 11, 1961

Over 500 men had already departed.

Wednesday, April 12, 1961

Trax Base was evacuated by the remaining men, the medical team, parachutists and the rest of the troop and in all totaled 1250. The general atmosphere was one of merriment and confidence in their belief that the invasion would be successful.

We were instructed to carry our knapsacks, arms, field glasses, transistor radios, etc, and for two hours we were in a canvas top truck riding over winding roads through precipices and hills. After arriving at the air base, after descending from an altitude of 6000 to 800 feet, where the air base was located, we had to walk five blocks carrying our equipment in order to reach the barracks where we were stationed. Immediately after washing we were to board a plane. After dinner we again walked back five blocks to collect all our equipment and carry it to the plane. After all this activity, the departure of the plane had been delayed for two hours.

We finally departed by plane on a three and one half hour trip to an unknown destination. It was about 10 P.M. when we started the trip from Guatemala by plane. During the plane trip we tried to determine our destination by using our compasses but this was to no avail and finally we landed at dawn on Thursday, April 13, 1961, at Nicaragua.

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Thursday, April 13, 1961

After getting off the plane, the men were driven by trucks, except the medical team which was put in a jeep, to a railroad station where we were to be aboard a closed and dark freight train thus avoiding being identified as fully-armed future Cuban invaders. Luckily the trip this time took only a few minutes and had terminated at the pier where the ships were docked which would take us to Cuba. I immediately realized upon arriving at the dock that we were the victims of the greatest deceit as there was or had never been the promised hospital ship. Thus I lost a major part of the confidence I had that we had been told the truth and would be given all support and necessary assistance in order to help us win our fight, our struggle, in Cuba. I turned my back on the American doctor who broke the news to us and informed him that I and others would let him know later our future attitude toward this undertaking. It was now almost 3 A.M. in the morning and the ships at port were already boarded by Cubans and the one in which the medical team was supposed to sail had not yet docked.

Army Health officers offered their cabins to myself and another member of the medical team but we declined and stayed with our men, and at intervals we layed down on the pier but most of the time we were thinking about the decision we had to make.

When morning arrived we were invited to have breakfast with the Chief of the fleet, a Cuban, who admitted that we were right in our just anger. We asked the Chief of the fleet to take us to the Chiefs of our so-called allies who had directed all operations and to inform them that we had decided not to proceed in this enterprise because in addition to having spent over two weeks at the training camp, uselessly suffering from privations and logical

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hardships, good for younger men but not for us, we thought it foolishness to board an expeditionary ship where the same or greater hardships would prevail, probably to spend another week before landing in Cuba to help in our capacity as surgeons. We stated that we intended to keep our word of honor, that, notwithstanding the very definite doubts we sustained, motivated by multiple deceptions, subterfuges already verified, and supposedly due to "military convenience", we accepted our responsibility to go to Cuba to aid our compatriots but we felt we should be flown over as soon as possible when the hospital where we were destined was set up.

We insisted all day long until 9 P.M. that evening on our points of view. We spoke to various individuals about this matter and finally we were taken to see the person designated as "superior chief", whom, we were told, was in charge of directing all technical military operations. We were on the verge of fighting it out with them because after giving them our open minds they dared to answer us that they were sacrificing themselves for Cuba to a higher degree than we.

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N I replied to this individual by stating that they were doing this for their own interests and that I would not permit anyone to lecture me on patriotism. [REDACTED] who previously had tried to convince us to go, took the American to one end of the room thus avoiding further violent talk. My partner and I were left alone and we decided that, disregarding personal matters, we would not desert our companions at the last hour. I then went to [REDACTED] and informed him to consider the matter closed as my partner and I had decided to go no matter what the circumstances were. We shook hands with [REDACTED] and turned our backs on the American without *b7c*

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taking leave from him. We then returned to the pier where a group was waiting our decision. We then boarded the "Lake Charles", which ship had been assigned to us.

Friday, April 14, 1961

Very early in the morning we noticed that all otherships had left at dawn. Our fleet was made up of five cargo-type ships, each with four or five cabins. They were approximately 2500 tons and no more than seven meters long. They were fully loaded with war equipment including jeeps, small trucks and landing motor boats. Our ship also carried a tremendous amount of highly explosive aircraft gasoline to be used by our planes at the airport which we were to capture as soon as we landed. We were all wondering about the landing point, and of course, thought it would be at the Isle of Pines or San Julian in Pinar Del Rio Province. Actually the landing was affected at Bahia de Cochinos and the nearest airport, I believe, would be at Cienfuegos, about 100 miles away.

Naturally while aboard this boat, we talked about our safety and about our being aboard this "floating atomic bomb". We could never imagine that this ship would turn out to be the luckiest.

Saturday, April 15, 1961

We were still docked at the pier in Nicaragua and we were searching the horizon for the tanker which was to fill our oil tanks as ours had been used to fill up those of the ships which had already sailed. We were scheduled to sail on the night of April 15, as 40 hours had already elapsed since the other ships had left but the tanker had not yet arrived. It is unexplainable how such a situation could have happened.

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We were elated when we heard about the three airports which had been bombarded in Cuba and the American doctor informed us that they had been very effective and the airport at Santiago de Cuba had suffered the greatest damage.

It seems strange that the whole air fleet did not participate in the attacks to smash the Castro Air Force at one time. We had seen about twenty or twenty five big bombers and only eight had taken off. Due to its moral effect and also due to the fact that a first attack is unexpected, logically this one should have been as heavy as possible. There were plenty of pilots, planes and heavy bombs available but we do not know why they were not used.

Sunday, April 16, 1961

As the invasion was to take place, we were surprised that the air attack had not been repeated. Finally around noon, the oil tanker came and our sailing time was ordered for sunset, April 16, 1961. We have with us 50 men from the intelligence service, artillery men to tend the anti-aircraft guns, those charged with the armed landing craft and our surgical unit, all together about 100 men including the ship's crew.

Monday, April 17, 1961

We awoke to hear radio news that the invasion was taking place. We tried desperately to listen to our radios to get news from New York and Cuba as we knew that ~~radio SWAN~~ was a propaganda station broadcasting a 1000 lies. We were optimistic.

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Tuesday, April 18, 1961

News started to come in that afternoon and we heard that the landing troops, due to several reasons they certainly knew about, had been attacked by heavy tanks and jets. We had been previously assured that positively no such armament would show up against us and such certainty was reaffirmed by the fact that our troops never received any training in handling anti-tank guns or anti-aircraft machine guns and neither of these weapons were included in the invasion arament. Consequently, we thought this news was pre-arranged propaganda in order to give grounds to ~~Adlai Stevenson~~ ^{N.Y.} who was stating before the United Nations that ~~"the United States will not permit Russia to intervene in favor of Castro"~~.

Shortly thereafter the captain ordered us to try on our life-savers and keep them handy. We were reassured that everything would go all right when we saw Navy jets approaching and later several destroyers maneuvering around us.

Passing near Gran Caiman Island, a wire message told us to stop the engines and a short time later we sighted one of the troop ships apparently coming from Cuba. When passing by we saw it was the "Caribe" still having on deck three of the seven landing crafts, its life boats half hoisted and even some men said they had seen holes in her sides. A destroyer approached her and apparently ordered her to get along side us. Something had gone awry in the landing. At dusk we were ordered to slowly take a northern course and await a barge or ship which would takeover the airplane gasoline and deliver it to the already taken airport. We did not know the airport but we gladly accepted this order as it meant avoiding the danger of approaching the fire line with that explosive cargo. No discharge of this cargo took place during the whole night.

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Wednesday, April 19, 1961

News kept pouring in which forced us to think, despite radio SWAN's optimistic reports, that things were not going well. For some unexplained reason we were stopped again when only five or six hours from Cuba, and by official radio phone I kept hearing the reports from the beachhead stating that they were continually being attacked by superior tank and air forces and were unable to say how much longer they could resist if no reinforcements arrived. Around 10 A.M. requests for help alarmingly increased and they asked for immediate help from jets to save themselves, as it seemed only a small group was holding on at the beach and at a nearby coastal town the men were totally surrounded and were suffering heavy bombardment. Through every line from the three Cuban ships we heard messages sent to the flag ship "Santiago" from the Navy section which accompanied us demanding jets and the cooperation which a thousand times had been offered if we were attacked by jet-type aviation.

About 11 A.M. the Cuban ships telephoned the flag ship requesting that we be authorized to proceed to Cuba so as to help our compatriots who desperately continued asking for reinforcements. The reply was that permission from the "Big Boss" had to be obtained before any authorization could be granted.

At 11:30 A.M. we heard the message that filled us with joy: "The whole fleet, at top speed, proceed to the beachhead. Four of our jets already in flight have been ordered to attack, and four others will immediately come from a nearby place. The ships to proceed on operation No. 1."

A few minutes later we saw all ships heading north

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at full speed and doubtless the promises made to us were being fulfilled. We were seeing it all with our own eyes and listened to orders issued by the official radio phone.

I bathed, shaved and donned my camouflage suit getting ready for the landing. Our optimism lasted for an hour. I went up to the main deck and inquired of developments and was informed that the beachhead had been lost, that they had not been answering for a while and that the reports from the jets are very confusing. Minutes later I was stunned upon hearing "the whole fleet, take 180 degree course".

If our allies were going to support us with their forces if necessary, and we had just witnessed it, why was it not done yesterday afternoon when our boys informed us that they were being attacked by tanks and jets? They must have known that, no matter how brave our men were, militarily it was impossible for them to succeed under such conditions and they will never be able to explain why they stalled for so long to intervene. God will not forget them and I still think Castro and his regime are doomed to topple, but even when this is achieved, one way or the other, no doubt in a short time, I shall never forgive them for consenting to the sacrifice of such an extraordinary kind of Cubans.

While sailing away from Cuba, we were instructed not to slack our vigilance of enemy aircraft as two of our transports had been sunk. An easterly change in course was ordered at dusk, there were more computations and no doubt we were headed toward Puerto Rico. When darkness arrived we were immobilized for over an hour. No lights were turned on and finally we were on a southern course back to Nicaragua.

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Cuban Situation

Thursday, April 20, 1961

We listened to the radio all day long searching for the truth among so many confusing news broadcasts. According to radio SWAN, the fighting continued, and according to Fidel Castro, everything was all over.

Friday, April 21, 1961

We listened to the Cuban radio report that the invasion was launched from Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, and exactly an hour later we had another change of course, north by northeast, now to reach an air base in Puerto Rico. We anticipated four or five more days navigating before we landed. By radio we listened to Havana bringing the prisoners before the television cameras.

After dinner at 6 P.M. in the diningroom, we played dominoes and chess as we tried to divert our thoughts. Suddenly the ship was established, we had another change in course and we headed back to Nicaragua. We wondered what was the aim of our allies. Were they trying to hold us incommunicado cruising the Caribbean until the case of Cuba versus the United States is settled at the United Nations or the Organization of American States (OAS)?

We are not going to withdraw our support in any future effort to overthrow Fidel Castro but the next one must be made on an equal footing and never again as blindfolded as we were on this one. We shall again have men serving the cause of democracy but their men must join us and we will only go under the orders of a Joint Chiefs of Staff made up of representatives of both forces.

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Never will we go under conditions as the present ones, with the best of my knowledge, the Cuban Chiefs were called upon the night before leaving, not to discuss and agree on the plan, but to be informed about what they had to do.

Saturday, April 22, 1961

In the afternoon we finally arrived at port, Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua. As soon as we docked [redacted] and other pilots came aboard. We had lost eleven pilots out of twelve and the only survivor landed his craft half destroyed at a small airport which actually existed near debarkation point. One of our pilots spotted him on his landing and risking his own life picked him up. 67C

A thousand heroic feats had been undertaken by courageous pilots who daily went into battle with B-26 bombers and no fighter protection. We did not have any but on that point we had been told "you do not have to worry, for on approaching Cuba, you will be protected by modern fighter planes, air support will be fantastic."

Monday, April 24, 1961

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The atmosphere was tense and it was rumored there would be mutiny in order to force our return to Miami, Florida. At lunch time "important" visitors arrived and they were Doctor Jose Miro Cardona, Doctor Antonio De Varona and Doctor Maceo, members of the Revolutionary Council. They sought detailed information about what had happened and urged us to continue in the struggle as members of the Liberation Army and to look upon past events as a painful setback and not definite defeat. We had requested permission to be granted a few days rest among our families who were still ignorant of our safety and they assured us
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this would be granted and that we should consider ourselves under leave and not demobilized.

Shortly thereafter we were ordered ashore to be transferred to a base prior to our flight to Miami. Our arrival at the base coincided with the departure of the first pilots returning to Miami. This time the promises made by the Cuban Revolutionary Council were fulfilled.

Tuesday, April 25, 1961

Some people took me to see the airplanes that had accomplished missions over Cuba. They were not aircraft but simply sieves full of bullet holes on every side. I am unable to realize how we still have some pilots alive.

I am informed that two of the experienced American instructors from the base, after severely criticizing the withdrawal of the promised air protection with fighter planes, took off on a B-26 to bombard. Unfortunately they paid with their lives for that gallant feat as they were shot down over Cuban soil. Their attitude showed us that these two good Americans were loyal to us as they sincerely believed what we had been told, that we would be protected by effective air cover, which is indispensable in accordance with the most elemental warlike techniques, so that the only effective weapon we had, B-26's, could effectively operate lacking a tail gun which supplies the minimum defense against a fighter attacking from behind. If the Liberation Army would have had at the start eight or ten modern fighters instead of the old B-26, the outcome of this war enterprise would have ended up differently. This afternoon if the last promise is fulfilled, we shall fly back to Miami and our homes. We will arrive at dawn, Wednesday,

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the 26th of April, and we all have firmly decided to again offer our cooperation to liberate Cuba as soon as conditions are favorable for this feat.

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May 22, 1961

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Reference is made to New York memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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To: SAC, Miami

From: Director, FBI (109-12-210)

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POLITICAL MATTERS

ReBuairtel 5/16/61 in which you were instructed to interview [REDACTED] Immediately furnish Bureau results of interview.

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NOTE: Allegation was received from [REDACTED] indicating he had learned from [REDACTED] that one [REDACTED] who may be identical with [REDACTED] subject SGE investigation, allegedly was responsible for transmission of CIA invasion plans to Castro government. We instructed Miami to endeavor to locate and interview [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM SAC, MIAMI /105-3902/ 2

CUBAN SITUATION, IS DASH CUBA. RE MIAMI TELS MAY TWENTY

LAST, RE ARRIVAL IN MIAMI OF TEN CUBAN PRISONERS CAPTURED

BY FIDEL CASTRO FORCES AT BAHIA DE COCHINOS, DURING APRIL

SEVENTEEN SIXTYONE LIBERATION ATTEMPT.

INS, MIAMI, ADVISED TODAY THAT ALL TEN

PRISONERS DEPARTED MIAMI SIX A.M. TODAY, FOR WASHINGTON, D.C.,

ACCOMPANIED BY INS, MIAMI.

CONFIDED THAT THIS PARTY IS TRAVELLING VIA A BORDER PATROL

PLANE, IN WASHINGTON THEY ARE EXPECTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH

PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS FOR PURPOSE OF RAISING FUNDS TO

PURCHASE FIVE HUNDRED TRACTORS IN EXCHANGE FOR OTHER

PRISONERS CAPTURED BY CASTRO AT BAHIA DE COCHINOS.

POSSESSED NO DETAILS CONCERNING SCHEDULE IN WASHINGTON, BUT

STATED THAT CENTRAL OFFICE, INS, COULD PROBABLY SUPPLY

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ADDITIONAL INFO IF NEEDED. UACB,* WASHINGTON FIELD MAINTAIN
APPROPRIATE LIAISON FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS, BUT CONDUCT NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION. LETTERHEAD
MEMO FOLLOWS.

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* Supervisor [REDACTED] advised telephonically
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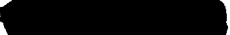
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The Attorney General

May 22, 1961

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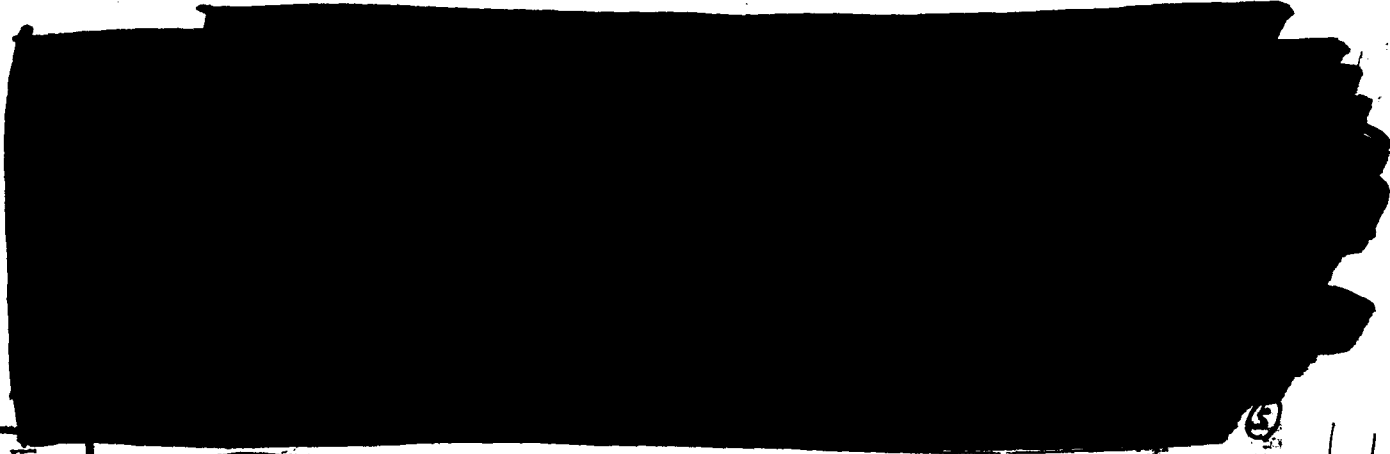
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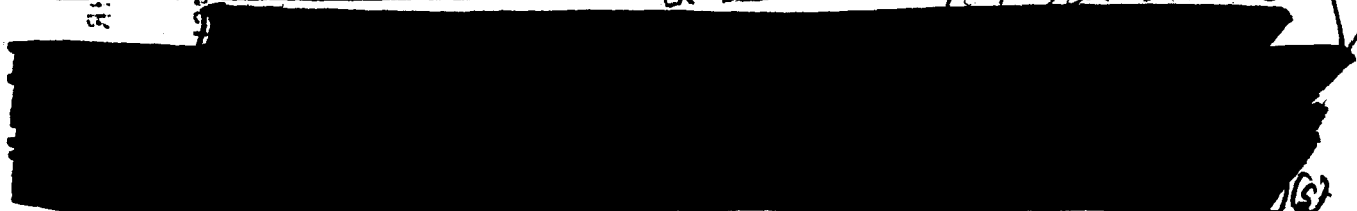
We have recently received information from a source


Our contacts with this source have been limited but we are checking on his validity and on the possibility of continued contact with him.



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Note: Cover memo Donahoe to Belmont prepared on 5-19-61, same subject, by SBD:dmd. Classified Secret since disclosure of Bowles aspect and Soviet contact in CIA aspect could have seriously adverse effect.

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The Attorney General

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Our source further advised that the Cubans have organized groups throughout Latin America to sabotage industry and shipping and to stage violent demonstrations and attacks upon United States Embassies in the event of a United States attack on Cuba. b1

[REDACTED] He said there is an acute problem in the selection of Cuban personnel for foreign posts. These people are now being carefully selected and screened by members of the Communist Party who in turn have been selected by Soviet technicians. The shortage of dollars in Cuba is extremely acute and trade relations between Cuba and Czechoslovakia are not harmonious. There is a definite trend toward increased acceptance of bribes by Cuban Government officials.

This information has also been furnished to the Secretary of State and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: MAY 26 1961

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-1747)

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL
MATTERS - CUBA

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The above address is only about a block from the American Embassy and [REDACTED] had a large clientele among personnel of the American Embassy. His identity is concealed at his request.

This memorandum is captioned "Confidential" inasmuch as the revelation of the information contained therein to unauthorized sources might possibly lead to identification of the source and result in the arrest and mistreatment of numerous members of his family who are still in Cuba.

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MAY 26 1961

Miami, Florida

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ON 7/9/04

~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

Re: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA
~~MASS ARRESTS AND MISTREATMENT OF CUBANS~~
~~DURING ATTEMPTED INVASION, APRIL 17, 1961~~

~~REDACTED~~ with whom no previous contact has been had but who is in a position to furnish firsthand information concerning the following, was interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI on May 15, 1961.

He stated he had just reached his home in Havana, Cuba, for lunch on April 17, 1961. Two young men came to the door and stated they were from Cuban G-2 and demanded admittance in order to search his home. They were allowed to enter and they then made a complete search of the house. They then advised him that he would have to accompany them in order to sign a paper at headquarters stating that his home had been searched, that nothing of significance had been found and no property had been seized.

He stated he was reluctant to do this but had no alternative and was taken by these individuals directly to the large Sports Palace, which is on the road to Rancho Boyeros Airport. ~~REDACTED~~ stated that as he entered he became aware of what was happening inasmuch as there were already about 2,000 arrested persons in the Sports Palace. He said the palace continued to fill with people, both down on the gym floor and up into the tiers of seats until it became almost impossible to move. He stated that during the course of the afternoon a mulatto boy with his tray of candies, such as are sold on the streets in Cuba, was allowed to enter and sell his wares. When he wanted to depart he was told by the militiaman at the door that anyone who would sell food to mercenaries and enemies of the republic should remain a prisoner.

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[REDACTED] recalled that there was an Argentine woman who had recently broken her leg and it was in a cast. She was complaining considerably and an individual arrived who claimed to be a diplomat from the Argentine Embassy and demanded diplomatic immunity in order to remove the woman with the broken leg. Source recalled there was a lot of loud, profane talk and a great deal of protest made by the individual with the diplomatic passport. He stated the lights were suddenly turned out and there was a short burst of two of machinegun fire followed by screams. The lights were turned back on and two people had been killed and four or five wounded. Source stated he felt certain that the firing of the machinegun was not an accident and neither was it an accident that the lights went out.

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[REDACTED] stated that in the early morning of April 18, 1961, streams of prisoners were being separated and diverted to other detention centers. Source stated over 7,000 men and 1,700 women were taken to some of the large tunnels which run in under Principe Prison in Havana. He stated these tunnels had not been used in many years but that recently the Castro regime had opened them up and cleaned them out, possibly in anticipation of either using them as a bomb shelter or as a prison.

He stated the people were crowded into the tunnel by young men, 17 to 20 years of age, dressed in the uniform of the Castro militia. Source stated there was the most foul profanity used accompanied by threats of death and occasional bursts of machinegun and pistol fire. He said the people were literally packed into the tunnel and they were held there for three days without any food at all.

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Re: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

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He stated the stench was unbearable as people naturally had to attend to their necessities and there was literally no room to move. Several people died of sheer fright and suffocation and some asthmatics and heart patients died.

██████████ stated that he and several other doctors approached a small group of militiamen and asked for permission to weed out what remained of the asthmatics, heart patients and pregnant women and move them just outside the mouth of the tunnel. They also made a plea for medicines for people in these conditions and for several who were very seriously afflicted with diarrhea. He stated there was nothing but hate and hostility on the faces of the militia guards as they sarcastically told him there was no need to worry inasmuch as they were going to kill everyone anyway within a few days.

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Subsequently on the same day a uniformed rebel army captain was seen at the tunnel and immediately approached by some of the doctors who explained the situation to him, pointed to some of the dead and repeated the request previously made of the militiamen. ██████████ stated that within two hours they had an old wood clothes closet with shelves set up at the mouth of the tunnel and over \$500 worth of medicines and drugs. The captain stated that he had had no idea the people were being treated in that form. Permission was given to bring out the asthmatics, heart patients and any other suffering from extreme prostration or diarrhea. ██████████ stated that the rebel army captain loudly referred to the militiamen as a bunch of "pigs" and this was within ear shot of the militiamen.

C O N F I ~~X~~ D E N T I A L

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The prisoners were held in the tunnel for 12 days but about the fifth day after the attempted invasion [redacted] stated he noted a distinct softening of attitude on the part of the militia guards. He made inquiry concerning this change in attitude and was told that the attempted invasion had been liquidated and the forces of Fidel Castro had won a great victory. [redacted] inquired as to what would have happened to them if the Castro forces had felt they were losing and was informed by the militia guard that all the prisoners would have been liquidated in the shortest time possible.

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Source stated that a truck arrived in Havana, which allegedly brought ten prisoners who had been captured at the Bahia de Los Cochinos where the attempted invasion was made, however, all ten prisoners in the truck were pronounced dead on arrival in Havana. Source stated that the official doctor at the morgue certified that the ten died from asphyxiation. He stated they had been bound and placed on the floor of the truck and covered with heavy tarps and sheets in such a manner as to prevent their being able to breathe.

Source stated that there has been widespread feeling in Cuba that the United States let them down by their failure to assist with their power and whatever other force was necessary in the attempted invasion. Source stated that it would now take a very large force to whip Castro inasmuch as many of those who would have turned against him feel that he is indeed a very strong leader and that the United States is afraid of him.

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The title is being marked "Changed" to show
subject's true name, [REDACTED] as
furnished by him.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies
of a letterhead memorandum entitled "Foreign Political
Matters - Cuba"

ReBulet to WFO, 4/11/61, captioned [REDACTED]

On 4/28/61 subject was contacted at his residence,
[REDACTED], after being located through [REDACTED]

It was explained to [REDACTED] that the U. S.
Government was interested in any factual information obtained
by him through personal observation or information which he
had reason to believe was true regarding Cuba, specifically
information relating to the presence of Soviet, Czech, and
Chinese personnel in Cuba.

[REDACTED] stated he had heard unverified rumors
in Havana, just prior to his arrival in Miami, Fla., that
there were many thousands of Soviet, Czech, and Chinese
technicians in Cuba who were prepared to help defend Cuba
but he could not vouch for the authenticity of this rumor.

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[REDACTED] a Cuban citizen and recent arrival from Cuba, advised that during January, 1961, he had seen approximately eight T-34 Russian Tanks in Holguin, Cuba, which were loaded aboard American made trucks. He stated that when he asked some of the bystanders (townspeople) where the tanks were destined, he was advised there was a rumor they were being taken to the area of the United States Naval Base at Guantanamo to take over the base. He also stated that during a parade in Havana in December, 1960, he had seen numerous Russian tanks in the parade. b7c/D

[REDACTED] advised that the only individuals he believed to be of either Soviet or Czech nationality were located in the vicinity of the Foca Building, Vedado, Havana, Cuba, in January, 1961, who according to rumor had taken over this building as a residence. He stated he could not positively state whether they were Soviet or Czech but he knew they were foreigners and it was common knowledge there were Soviet and Czech technicians sent to Cuba to help the Castro Government.

In conclusion [REDACTED] stated that Havana gave the impression of being an armed camp because of the numerous uniformed Cuban personnel throughout Havana and also the presence of anti-aircraft guns lining the beach around the Havana Harbor.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

Political matters

FROM SAC, MIAMI /105-3902/ 2P

CUBAN SITUATION, IS BASH CUBA. RE MIAMI TEL TODAY TO BUREAU.

[REDACTED] REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT HE HEARD
FIDEL CASTRO MAKE RADIO BROADCAST FROM HAVANA LATE LAST NIGHT
AND EARLY THIS MORNING STATING THAT CASTRO WAS SENDING A DELEGATION
OF PRISONERS CAPTURED AT BAHIA DE CONCHINAS TO U.S. TODAY WITH
INSTRUCTIONS TO SEE PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND NO ONE ELSE WITH
REGARDS TO EXCHANGING ONE THOUSAND PRISONERS FOR FIVE HUNDRED
TRACTORS, ALONG WITH SPARE PARTS FOR SAME. CASTRO STATED HE
WOULD EXCHANGE MANUEL ARTINE, PRINCIPAL LEADER OF LIBERATION
ATTEMPT, WHO WAS CAPTURED FOR FRANCISCO MOLINA, AKA, QUOTE
THE HOOK UNQUOTE, WHO WAS RECENTLY CONVICTED NYC IN CONNECTION
WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF A CHILD IN A RESTAURANT DURING A
FRAGAS INVOLVING PRO AND ANTI CASTRO CUBANS. CASTRO STATED HE
WOULD EXECUTE ONLY THREE OF CAPTURED PRISONERS AND HE MENTIONED
/FNU/ CALVINO, /FNU/ KING, A CUBAN AND ONE "EL MUERTO" UNQUOTE
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OF THE OTHER TWO PRISONERS AND THE FIVE NEWSPAPER MEN UNKNOWN
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- Liaison
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Date: May 26, 1961

To: Office of Security
Department of State

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DATE 7/9/04 BY AUC 60290 BSE/TGB/CJW

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: CUBAN PRISONER EXCHANGE
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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This will confirm information orally furnished to
[REDACTED] Department of State, and [REDACTED]
Central Intelligence Agency, by Mr. F. L. Jones of this Bureau
on May 20, 1961.

[REDACTED] correspondent for "Chicago Tribune,"
advised that he had received a telephone call at 6 a.m. that
day from [REDACTED] from Havana. [REDACTED] was a prisoner in
Cuba having been captured during the recent invasion attempt.
[REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he and nine other prisoners who had been
also captured during the invasion attempt were being sent by
plane to Miami by Castro as a committee of ten to negotiate with
the United States Government concerning the exchange of United
States tractors and bulldozers for prisoners captured by Castro
in the invasion attempt. The committee was due to arrive in
Miami at about 10 a.m., May 20, 1961.

On May 20, 1961, an informant who has furnished
reliable information in the past advised that he had heard Castro
make a radio broadcast from Havana indicating that Castro was
sending a delegation of prisoners captured during the recent
attempted invasion of Cuba to the United States with instructions
to see President Kennedy concerning exchanging one thousand
prisoners for five hundred tractors and spare parts. Castro
stated he would exchange Manuel Artimo, principal leader of the
anti-Castro invasion forces, for Francisco Molina who was recently
convicted in New York City in connection with the fatal shooting
of a child during a fracas involving pro- and anti-Castro Cubans.
Castro stated he would execute only three of the captured prisoners
and mentioned one Calvino, one King, a Cuban, and an individual
identified as "El Muerto" who was accused of killing some
Dominican agent in Cuba.

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The above-mentioned informant learned from a Cuban exile that the group desire was sending to various persons and scheduled to arrive at 10:30 a.m., May 20, 1961, in Miami. This group would consist of 150 persons and 150 Cuban newspapermen. The persons included

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

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a letterhead memo together with its memo of evaluation dated
and captioned as above.

The information in enclosed letterhead memo was
furnished by [REDACTED] to SA [REDACTED] on 5/23/61.

[REDACTED]

It should be noted that the informant received his
information from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It is also noted that on 2/27/61, the same informant advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The name of [REDACTED] is not being incorporated into the letterhead memo in order to protect the informant.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
May 24, 1961

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

On May 23, 1961, a confidential informant learned that an invitation to speak before the Cooperative Forum, located at Room 401, Union Station, Washington, D. C., has been extended to [REDACTED] a member of the organization known as the Movimiento Revolucionario Del Pueblo (MRP), which is opposed to the Government of Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

A tentative date has been set for the above engagement, which is June 7 or 14, 1961, and [REDACTED] has been given the privilege of selecting his own audience.

The informant could furnish no additional information about whether [REDACTED] has accepted the invitation.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SAC, New York (105-45672)

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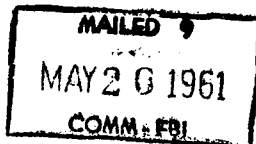
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It is noted, however, that use of temporary symbol numbers tends to lessen the impact of information relating to matters involving the foreign policy of the U. S. and it would be preferable in all instances to identify by name and title the individuals who are furnishing comments about our foreign policy so that other agencies would be in a position to better evaluate the data. You did not give a reason for concealing the identities of either of the four sources. While it appears logical that you would want to conceal the identity of [REDACTED] it is not readily apparent that you found it necessary to conceal the identities of the other three individuals unless they specifically requested such.

Keep the foregoing in mind in future communications and be certain that you do not conceal the identities of persons furnishing information of this nature as a matter of course. These instructions do not apply to your sources of continuing value and it is not intended that you violate the confidence of any individual who has specifically requested that his identity not be revealed to other U. S. agencies.

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NOTE: New York furnished the observations of three individuals who were traveling abroad at the time of the recent invasion of Cuba. They furnished the reaction of certain individuals in the countries being visited and some pertinent observations were made. However, the concealing of their identities greatly detracted from the over-all effectiveness of the information and New York failed to justify its use of temporary symbol numbers in reporting the details. It is known that two of the

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Letter to New York
Re: CUBAN SITUATION
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individuals, both connected with an export-import firm, regularly furnish their observations concerning the Cuban situation to New York but their relationship with the New York Office is not considered such that it is necessary to conceal their identities every time they contact the New York Office.

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Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information concerning above matter, and 11 copies of a reliability memorandum setting forth the reliability of the informants used.

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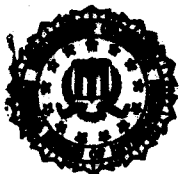
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New York, New York
May 22, 1961

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Re: The Cuban Situation

[redacted] on May 12, 1961, advised that he had been in London, England, from April 9, 1961 until April 28, 1961 and talked with many people in London about the Cuban situation. [redacted] stated that it was very encouraging to find in London, England, that in spite of many inaccurate and leftist articles in the press, the British people whom he knew in private life, business and government circles were very understanding of the problems which confront the United States in connection with Communist Cuba and its effect in the western hemisphere.

[redacted] stated that on April 19, 1961, friends of his in England said that they were worried about the Cuban invasion and felt that something must have gone wrong, as, in their opinion, the Cuban expedition should have been successfully concluded in three days. [redacted] stated that while in London, England, it was reported to him by a reliable source that a message had been sent from London to Washington, D.C., on April 18, 1961, advising the United States Government that "Right or wrong and even if Washington had to intervene in Cuba, the British would back up Washington." This above statement, according to [redacted] reflected the general opinion of the many people with whom he spoke with in London. The only criticism the British had of the recent Cuban invasion was that things of this nature must be done quickly and completely and from the very beginning must have been so-planned to insure success.

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██████████ stated that while in London, England, remarks were made to him that the United States must throw Communism out of Cuba and that it must be done "with straw hats on even if our ears show." ██████████ stated that in England, there is a complete awareness among his circle of associates that if Communism is not removed from the Caribbean area, it will spread through Mexico to the mainland of the United States and southward so that the United States will be pinioned and unable to come to the assistance of its natural Allies in time of crisis.

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██████████ advised that during his discussions in England about the Cuban situation, he brought up the question of Canada and he advised that the basic feeling of the people in England who know and have talked with Prime Minister John F. Diefenbaker is that Diefenbaker is a very stupid man and the people in England cannot understand why Canada is supplying Cuba with needed goods.

██████████ also advised that he had spoken to an American friend of his in London who manages the Bristol-Myers factory outside of London, England, who has had frequent talks with his employees regarding the problems of the day. ██████████ stated that he was informed by this American that the general opinion of the employees regarding the question of Russia versus the United States and the Cuban situation was that the United States has already wasted too much time and that they should get on with what they have to do and do it quickly.

██████████ also stated that during his period of time in England, it was quite evident that the Communist influence and thinking was present in the press regarding the Cuban situation. ██████████ stated that there was no doubt among the business people with whom he associated that the Cuban Embassy in London, England, was working very hard on propaganda, which

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was extremely easy for them after the Cuban debacle. [redacted] stated that it was the unanimous opinion of everyone with whom he conferred in England that time has now run out and that action regarding the issue of Communism for our joint survival is imperative.

[redacted] on May 12, 1961, advised that he had recently returned from a business trip to the Philippine Islands and upon his arrival in Manila, news of the Cuban invasion began to be reported. [redacted] stated that the first news reported in Manila was about the bombings of the air fields and two days later the news of the main invasion. [redacted] stated that the first reports about the Cuban invasion reported in Manila were very optimistic indicating that Raul Castro, Minister of the Armed Forces, had been taken prisoner, that the city of Santiago de Cuba had fallen and that the invasion forces were not encountering any opposition. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that when news of the defeat of the Cuban invasion started to come in, all the Philippine people with whom he spoke were confused, worried and afraid for the future. The Philippine people with whom [redacted] associated stated that they were not thinking of Cuba but had on their minds the ultimate future of their own country and during the first days of the invasion, they told him not to worry and repeated that the United States will not permit the invasion to fail. [redacted] stated that his friends in the Philippines said that after the steps taken by the United States Government in helping the Cuban rebels, they, the United States Government, had to make a maximum effort because victory is the only explanation for actions such as the one taken by the United States in the Cuban situation.

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██████████ advised that when the fate of the Cuban invasion became known, the people in the Philippines began to ask questions which he could not answer. ██████████ stated that he was asked the reason for the defeat of the invasion and also what reactions other Latin American countries would have concerning this defeat. ██████████ stated that the business people in the Philippines with whom he associated were very much worried about their own situation. b2 b7D

██████████ stated that politicians in the Philippine Islands are very corrupt and a very small number of families own everything and only they and the politicians have money. The rest of the country has very little and at times, not enough to support their families and living conditions outside of Manila are very poor. In addition to these conditions, there are also nearly one million Chinese residing in the Philippines who now are pro-Nationalist but only because the Philippine Government does not recognize Red China. ██████████ stated that the Philippine business men asked him what would happen in the Philippines if the United States was forced to recognize Red China and they were of the general opinion that the Philippine Government would have to follow the same course of action.

██████████ stated that the Philippine business men felt that if this ever came to pass, this Chinese population in the Philippines could very well become the fifth column for Red China.

██████████ advised that the above comments are his personal opinions and they are based on his connections with business men in the Philippines. ██████████ advised that in general, he could state that the recent defeat of the Cuban invasion had a very sobering effect upon the Philippine people and they cannot understand why the United States allowed this invasion to fail.

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[redacted] on May 16, 1961, advised that he had just finished a business trip to Switzerland, Italy, Monaco, France, England, Germany and Haiti. [redacted] advised that he was in Europe during the period of time that the invasion of Cuba took place. [redacted] advised that prior to the Cuban invasion, the people of France, Switzerland, England, Italy, Germany and Monaco were all with the United States and believed that the United States must take action to rid Cuba of Communism and the Communist rule of Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

[redacted] advised that he was in France when the first news broke about the invasion of Cuba and the general reaction was very encouraging because the people of France felt that this was a move which the United States had to make in order to prevent the spread of Communism in the Western Hemisphere. [redacted] advised that after the failure of the Cuban invasion, the people in Europe could not believe it and could not understand it nor could they understand how the United States could allow this invasion to fail. [redacted] stated that the general opinion was that if this invasion began to fail, the United States should have brought in military assistance immediately in order to assure success. [redacted] also stated that the general opinion of the people was that if the United States did not intend to have a successful invasion, they never should have given any military assistance to the Cuban counter-revolutionaries.

[redacted] advised that from his many business contacts in Europe, which are among well known and respected banking firms, he has ascertained that there is much apprehension in Europe about the fate of Latin America. [redacted] Essenfinanz of Hamburg, Germany, and this firm, which is one of the most respected firms in the world, will not loan any money for Latin America unless this money is guaranteed by a United States firm.

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[redacted] stated that recently he had the possibility of making a business deal with [redacted] who owns eight hotels in Mexico City and Acapulco, Mexico, and wanted a loan of \$1,500,000 in order to furnish a new hotel, the Maria Isabel, which is being built at the present time.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] and was advised by cable that there was absolutely no money for any projects in Mexico nor would Essenfinanz loan any money to Brazil or any other Latin American country.

[redacted] stated that during his trip to Europe, among the banking firms, he was informed that the people in Europe believe that Janio Quadros, President of Brazil, will take the money offered him by the United States Government but, like Castro, will turn to the Russians. b2 b7D b7C

[redacted] advised that the answer to the note sent by Premier Khrushchev of Russia to President John F. Kennedy regarding the Cuban invasion greatly encouraged the European people and gave them the feeling that President Kennedy and the United States would now stand up and call the bluff of the Russians. [redacted] stated that most of the Europeans do not believe that Russia will bring any military action against the western powers, if the United States brings about the overthrow of Cuba or gives military assistance and aid in Laos. [redacted] stated that after the defeat of the Cuban invasion, the people in Europe suffered a great relapse and could not understand why the United States allowed this invasion to fail.

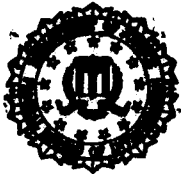
[redacted] stated that the recent crushing of the Algerian revolt by France greatly encouraged the western countries of Europe and what was most impressive about it was the quickness and thoroughness of the action taken by the French Government. [redacted] stated that the people in

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Europe believed that this type of action, as taken by the French Government, should have been taken by the United States in regard to the recent Cuban invasion.

[REDACTED] on May 17, 1961, advised that he had recently spoken to [REDACTED] in Cuba in the Revolutionary Government of Prime Minister Fidel Castro. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] told him that they had accurate information that immediately prior to the invasion, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Havana was processing 250 exit permits for Russians assigned to the Russian Embassy in Havana, Cuba. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] informed him that the Russians were applying for these exit permits in order to leave Cuba to go to Mexico as they were sure that the invasion was coming and apparently felt that the Castro Government was doomed to fall.

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New York, New York
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Re: The Cuban Situation

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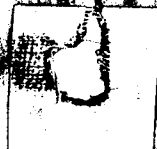
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at the Washington level to determine the reasons for the failure of this invasion and the responsible people involved would be concluded in 15 - 20 days and from all appearances, CIA was not being charged with any of the blame; in fact, [redacted] surmised that CIA would emerge from this matter with more authority than ever. [redacted] said that last-minute political influences had caused the nature of the operation to be changed to the point where it was no longer workable but did not identify those immediately responsible. [redacted] commented that although there were certain aspects of the training and the attack itself which he felt could have been improved, he still maintains confidence in CIA and is of the opinion that politicians must be completely left out of any future operation.

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ON 7/9/04

Re: CUBAN SITUATION 392,226

On May 15 and 22, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], who has been contacted an insufficient number of times to enable his reliability to be determined, provided the following data.

Training of the Liberation Air Force was conducted at a base near Retalhuleu, Guatemala, which was constructed for this specific purpose at a cost of \$2,000,000. A civilian contractor in Guatemala named (First Name Unknown) [REDACTED] received the entire contract for the construction of this base and the air strip thereon. [REDACTED] owned a farm at the location of this base and had complete control over the entire construction. The runway was too narrow and only about 4,800 feet long, which contributed to the crashing of two B-26's and one C-46. A 5,000 foot runway on a fully-equipped and unused base built by the United States during World War II was available at San Jose, Guatemala, but for some reason was not used in favor of the newly constructed base.

The Retalhuleu Base directly adjoined a highway running from Retalhuleu to Champerico and only a wire fence separated the runway from the highway. One of the B-26's which crashed got off the runway, smashed through the wire fence and ended up in the middle of the highway, causing a large crowd of natives and Indians to gather. Guatemalan civilian personnel were employed in many different capacities at this base resulting in a complete lack of security.

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Little or no effort was made to conceal the more sensitive phases of this training. In particular, at the time the insignias and flags on the operational aircraft were changed from Guatemalan to Cuban, the planes were left in full view of the highway where any passerby could observe them.

During the initial air attack upon Cuba on April 14, 1961, nine out of fifteen available B-26's were utilized in striking the air bases at Santiago, Libertad, San Antonio and San Julian. Although this initial raid resulted in a high degree of destruction of various aircraft on the ground as well as hangar and runway facilities, a review of aerial photographs and interviews of the pilots failed to establish that Castro's better fighter craft, namely the T-33's and Sea Furies, had been destroyed. Prior to this attack the Liberation Air Force had received unconfirmed reports that underground hangars at San Julian were being utilized for the assembly of Russian MIG fighters. Six delayed-fuse 500 lb. bombs were placed squarely on this target resulting in its total destruction.

Subsequent to this attack the participating pilots, who had successfully returned to their base, jointly agreed and strongly recommended that no landing of troops be undertaken until further bombing raids had verified the destruction of Castro's fighter strength. The pilots fully realized that without tail turrets on their B-26's, they would be completely vulnerable to any attack by fighters. [REDACTED] pointed out that the tail turret assembly weighed 2,000 lbs. and the large fuel requirements needed for the six-hour flight plus combat time, in addition to the bombs and rockets carried, would prohibit the installation of these turrets. As it was

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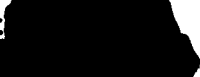
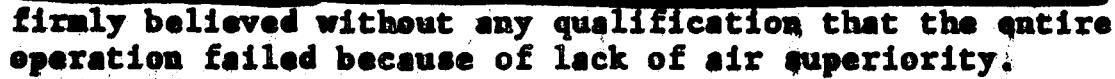
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even without the turrets, the B-26's "wallowed" through the air, resulting in the loss of accurate control response and speed. Nevertheless, in spite of these admonitions, the decision to launch the invasion was made and the warning of the pilots was disregarded with accompanying promises of United States Navy jet fighter support. Promises of such support had been made by certain people in authority at the training camp throughout this operation.

Finally on the morning of April 16, 1961, the invasionary forces were landed at the Bay of Cochinos in Cuba and at 5:25 A. M., emergency radio messages were received by the supporting B-26's from one of the invasionary vessels that T-33 jet fighters and English propeller driven Sea Furies were attacking the landing forces. From that point forward, these fighter craft completely dominated the air, resulting in the destruction of many B-26's and severe damage to the ground troops. Also, the ships used in the invasion were equipped only with .30 caliber machineguns and had no effective anti-aircraft armaments. In a panicked last-minute effort to recover air superiority, four P-51 aircraft were brought to the Guatemalan Air Base on April 18, 1961, and the pilots were given the Manual of Instructions for this plane, told to check out in it and be ready to leave on the afternoon of the same day for combat operation. Needless to say, these planes never left the ground.

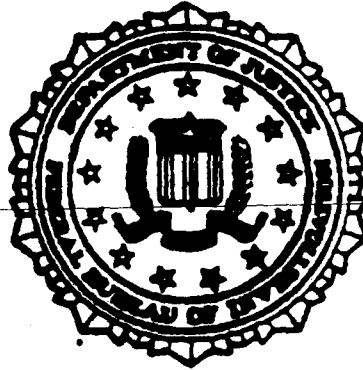
 concluded by pointing out that 
 firmly believed without any qualification that the entire operation failed because of lack of air superiority. U. S. Naval jet fighters were circling in clear sight of the attack and refused to respond to calls for assistance from the liberating pilots.

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TO : Director, FBI (109-12-210)

DATE: May 24, 1961

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (109-16)

SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA
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Re Ottawa letter to Bureau 3/16/61.

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In response to an inquiry made by this office in an attempt to identify the individuals named in the photostatic copy of letter enclosed with reference letter.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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It is noted that the Japan Press Service, Ltd. has been the subject of Tokyo letters to the Bureau, Bufile 105-73792. It was further noted that in the Counterintelligence Digest prepared by Inspector General, Headquarters, Pacific Air Force, Office of Special Investigations, (OSI), under date of December 1960, the Japan Press Service is reported to be the outlet of Communist State presses such as "Tass" and "Pravda" of the Soviet Union, "Shinkasha" of Communist China and "Chukyo Tsushinsha" of North Korea. It also acts as a go between of the Japan Journalist Congress, an organization composed of communists and communist sympathizers in journalistic fields and the International Journalist Machinery, an international communist organization. According to OSI this information was received from a usually reliable source and is considered probably true.

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Director, FBI
Subject: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA
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(S) It is suggested that a copy of this letter be forwarded to Legat, Ottawa. ⁶¹

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To: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
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Attention: Chief, Security Division
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION (M)

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DATE: May 25, 1961

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM :

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1 - [REDACTED]	1 - [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
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On 4-26-61 we disseminated [REDACTED] data furnished by [REDACTED] (sensitive Cuban sources) which was incorporated in a memorandum dated 4-25-61, a copy of which is attached.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Re: Foreign Political Matters - Cuba - Dominican Republic

109-12-210

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Mr. J. Roman, CIA
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Date: 5/26/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210)

FROM: SAC, WFO (97-1017)

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ReWFOairtel and letterhead memo dated 5/24/61,
captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a
letterhead memo and evaluation memo dated and captioned
as above.

The information in enclosed letterhead memo was
furnished by [REDACTED] to SA [REDACTED] on 5/26/61.

In March, 1945, [REDACTED] advised (S) that the Cooperative Forum meets weekly in WDC. Its membership consists principally of important government officials, commentators and newsmen, and is usually well attended by foreign diplomatic personnel. Current topics of importance are discussed and members agree to discuss the subject matter of the Forum outside of the meeting. The meetings are well organized, and a principal speaker is designated and invited, and usually a general discussion among the members pertaining to the meeting's subject matter follows.

The letterhead memo is classified "Confidential" since the data reported could reasonably result in identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 26, 1961

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA
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On May 26, 1961, a confidential informant advised he learned that Manolo Ray, head of the organization known as the Movimiento Revolucionario Del Pueblo (MRP), which is opposed to Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro, turned down an invitation to speak before the Cooperative Forum, located at Room 401, Union Station, Washington, D. C. (X)(u)

The same informant advised on May 23, 1961, that Ray had been extended the invitation to speak before the Forum either June 7 or 14, 1961, and would be allowed to select his own audience. (X)(u)

The informant could furnish no information concerning the reason for Ray's refusal to accept the Forum's invitation. (X)(u)

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Title **FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA**

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Reference **Memorandum dated and captioned
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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
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Memorandum

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: May 25, 1961

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

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As a matter of information we learned through (a sensitive source) [REDACTED] (S)

(New York airtel 5-24-61)

Pravda is a Moscow newspaper which is the organ of the Central Moscow Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

ACTION:

For information. This information is being disseminated to State, Central Intelligence Agency, the military agencies and U.S. Information Agency.

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MR. MOHR:

Political Matters Cuba

SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel, captioned committee, called 5-18-61. He referred to the recent testimony of former Ambassador Bob Hill. He specifically mentioned page 53 wherein the former Ambassador is quoted as stating FBI reports had been sent to the State Department yet the State Department sat on the reports and did not bring them to the attention of higher authorities.

Sourwine stated that Senator Eastland would like very much to obtain a copy of these same reports. I told Sourwine that as he well knew, our reports were confidential and we could not release them to the committee. He wanted to know if it might be advisable to contact the Attorney General. I told him this was up to the committee, however, speaking confidentially, it would seem far more advisable to contact the State Department, refer that Department to this specific testimony and have them answer this allegation.

Sourwine stated the latter course might be better. He mentioned that Senator Eastland planned to see the President either that day, 5-18-61, or Friday, 5-19-61, and planned to mention this testimony to the President.

We will follow this matter closely.

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Belmont

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TO : **A. H. Belmont**

DATE: 5-19-61

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

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We have received some interesting data from

Regarding the Cuban situation.

While we know very little about the source at this point he was apparently in a position to obtain the data and we propose to disseminate it to the Attorney General, Secretary of State and the Director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). We are fully concealing the source in doing this. At same time we are initiating further inquiries as to source and his potential for future use.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA
109-12-210

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[REDACTED] (S) the Cubans have organized groups throughout Latin America to sabotage industry and shipping and to stage violent demonstrations and attacks upon U.S. Embassies in the event of a U.S. attack on Cuba. The Cuban Embassy in Mexico City was said to be the point where propaganda is prepared for all Latin-American countries. b1

[REDACTED] there is an acute problem in the selection of Cuban personnel for foreign posts. These people are now being carefully selected and screened by members of the Communist Party who in turn have been selected by Soviet technicians. The shortage of dollars in Cuba is extremely acute and trade relations between Cuba and Czechoslovakia are not harmonious. There is a definite trend toward increased acceptance of bribes by Cuban Government officials. The foregoing represents a summary of the detailed data thus far acquired.

The data relating to the Chester Bowles aspect [REDACTED] is being disseminated only to the (S) Attorney General, Secretary of State and Director of CIA. The more (CIA)

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA
109-12-210

detailed data is being given regular dissemination to normal recipients in State, CIA and the military agencies including the Joint Staff.

ACTION:

Attached are letters to the Attorney General, Secretary of State Rusk and the Director of CIA.

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TO DIRECTOR

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210
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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-3902)

RE: CUBAN SITUATION
IS - CUBA

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Enclosed are 10 copies of a letterhead memo-
randum captioned and dated as above.

The enclosed memorandum has been classified
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of same could be detrimental to the best interests of the
United States and national security.

It is to be noted that
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It appears that [REDACTED] has somewhat garbled the information picked up by him in Miami and has incorrectly reported same. b7C/D

With regard to the information furnished by [REDACTED] to the Bureau concerning the fact that he heard the name of [REDACTED] mentioned by several Cubans who frequent a corner cafe about two blocks from the Columbus Hotel, Miami, it is to be noted that there are several such cafes frequented by hundreds of Cubans in that neighborhood. b7C/D

A copy of this memorandum is being sent to the New York Office for the completion of their file in this matter.

UACB, Miami will conduct no further investigation on this aspect of this case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please
Refer to File No.

105-3902

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Miami, Florida
May 23, 1961

Re: Cuban Situation

On May 8, 1961, [REDACTED] *INFORMANT*

[REDACTED] came to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and advised that he had just returned from Miami, Florida, where he had covered the recent unsuccessful invasion of Cuba, which took place on April 17, 1961. [REDACTED] reported, among other things, that he had ascertained that one of the individuals responsible for the failure of the invasion was [REDACTED] who had previously used the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that he had learned from exiles in Miami that [REDACTED] had been involved in the recent Cuban invasion to the extent of transmitting the CIA invasion plans, but he did not know to whom [REDACTED] had transmitted these plans.

On May 12, 1961, [REDACTED] advised that he received the information concerning [REDACTED] from several persons in the Miami area. He first heard this name in an interview with [REDACTED] whom he described as a Miami lawyer who served as a so-called press officer for a group of Cubans frequenting an office at 17th Street and Biscayne Boulevard, Miami.

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ENCLOSURE

109-12-210-3054

Re: Cuban Situation

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It is to be noted that the Miami headquarters of the "Frente Revolucionario Democrático" (Revolutionary Democratic Front - FRD), an anti-Castro organization, is located at 17th Street and Biscayne Boulevard, Miami.

On May 22, 1961, [REDACTED] FRD headquarters, identified himself as being [REDACTED]. He knew of no one named [REDACTED] employed in a similar capacity.

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[REDACTED] was unable to recall [REDACTED]. He explained that a great many newsmen contact his office, singly and in groups, and he does not always know their names. During the time of the invasion attempt, and shortly thereafter, the FRD headquarters was besieged with numerous reporters from all over the United States.

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[REDACTED] said that he himself does not know of any [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED]. However, he has heard of [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] who is employed by the United States State Department.

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[REDACTED] stated that he certainly did not make any statement whatsoever to anybody at any time attributing to [REDACTED] any responsibility for failure of the invasion; nor did he ever make a statement that [REDACTED] had transmitted CIA invasion plans to anyone. [REDACTED] said, furthermore, that he had not even discussed [REDACTED] with anyone during or after the period of the invasion, nor had

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Re: Cuban Situation

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he heard anyone make a statement attributing responsibility for the failure to [REDACTED] advised that if anyone at the FRD headquarters had commented on [REDACTED] it would most logically have been [REDACTED]

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On May 22, 1961, [REDACTED] FRD headquarters, advised that she is now [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was unable to recall [REDACTED] She said that she had never made any statement to the effect that [REDACTED] had transmitted invasion plans to anyone, and that any such statement would be ridiculous, since she had reason to believe that [REDACTED] was stationed outside the United States during the pertinent period, and that he is still outside the United States. [REDACTED] stated that she had not heard anyone else place blame upon [REDACTED] for failure of the invasion. She confirmed that [REDACTED] had been employed by the "Havana Post" many years ago.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-45-210)

FROM: WFO (67-1012)

SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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[redacted] to the Bureau and also copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 5/25/61.

[redacted] information contained in the captioned memo to the Bureau.

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[redacted] The enclosed letterhead memorandum is captioned "Internal Security - Cuba" and contains information regarding the activities of [redacted] in the Miami area. It is requested that you advise the Bureau of any further information received regarding this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: May 12, 1961

FROM : Mr. DeLoach

SUBJECT: CUBAN INVASION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBAALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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A teletype from New York dated 5-9-61 reported that

had interviewed several sources in Miami, Florida, relative to the recent Cuban invasion. Among those persons interviewed by him were [redacted] and [redacted] who reported the failure in Cuba was by design on the part of certain CIA personnel. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] who used the name [redacted] was responsible for the transmission of CIA's invasion plans to the Castro government. New York Office stated that [redacted] was probably identical with [redacted] of the U. S. Department of State.

It was recommended that this office determine from [redacted] the identity of the allegation relating to [redacted] or [redacted]

ACTION TAKEN:

I had Wick talk to [redacted] today. [redacted] states that he got the information relative to [redacted] whom he said might be [redacted] from several persons in the Miami area but he first heard reference to this name in an interview he had with a [redacted] a Miami lawyer, who served as a so-called press officer for a group of Cubans frequenting a 17th and Biscayne Avenue, Miami, Florida, office.

[redacted] also said that he heard the name [redacted] being involved in the Cuban matter from several Cubans who frequent a corner cafe about two blocks up from the Columbus Hotel in Miami.

[redacted] said that [redacted] and therefore he could not be certain as to just whom he has talked with but he said he is certain [redacted] is the name first mentioning [redacted] or [redacted] to him. He said present at the time was a Reuters (British News Agency) man who also heard [redacted] allegation.

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
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DeLoach to Mohr memo
Re: Cuban Situation


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RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be referred to the Domestic
Intelligence Division for information and any action deemed appropriate.




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Political Matters - Cuba

URGENT 5-9-61 3-07 PM JLW

TO DIRECTOR 109-12-210 /3/ AND SAC MIAMI

FROM SAC NEW YORK 105-45672 3P

INTERNAL SECURITY-CUBA
CUBAN SITUATION., IS - CUBA.

[REDACTED] VISITED NYO MAY EIGHT LAST, AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING
INFO.. [REDACTED] STATED HE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA,
WHERE HE HAD COVERED THE RECENT CUBAN INVASION, AND STATED THAT HE
HAD SPOKEN TO MANY CUBAN EXILES AND PERSONAL SOURCES, AND AS A
RESULT, HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE RECENT INVASION WAS
BADLY HANDLED FROM EVERY ASPECT [REDACTED]

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I CALLED SAC GRAPP IN
MIAMI AND TOLD HIM
NOT TO CONDUCT THE
INTERVIEWS.

[REDACTED]

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HOUSTON PHILADELPHIA AND SAN JUAN
FROM DIRECTOR /109-12-210/ 1 P

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/31/61

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (109-9)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, are 9 copies
of a letterhead memorandum containing information regard-
ing the captioned individual.

The Immigration file check was handled by
[REDACTED] The interview of the captioned
individual was handled by [REDACTED]

The indices of the Buffalo Office contain
no information identifiable with the subject or his
wife.

It does not appear the subject possesses
informant potential. He will of course be utilized
where appropriate as a source in Cuban matters.

Buffalo will conduct no further inquiry.
It is noted this investigation was handled per SAC
Letter #61-13 (J).

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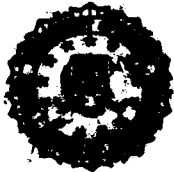
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Buffalo, New York
May 31, 1961

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RE: [REDACTED]

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The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Buffalo, N. Y., reflect the following information concerning the captioned individual:

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The subject was interviewed by an INS representative at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in November, 1960, at which time he advised that his father-in-law was then in jail in Cuba, and had been previously [REDACTED] in Cuba. Subject indicated that he wished to become a permanent immigrant so that he could secure a position at [REDACTED]

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On January 31, 1961, the subject requested the Immigration Service for political asylum in the United States. He had previously indicated to INS that "Cuba is now a very hard memory for me." He indicated a fear that he would be imprisoned if he returned to Cuba.

On May 29, 1961, the subject was interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI. He furnished the following information:

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